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EDITORIAL

The number 'seven' has always been regarded with awe in mystical or religious circles—the seventh day is holy in the Christian Church, while from the pagan era of British history to the present time, 'seven' has radiated good fortune in some way. It was with supreme confidence, therefore, that the 'seven' editors of the 'Swan' awaited a mighty offering from their literary worshippers in the School.

But alas—there are also Seven Deadly Sins, and it was soon realised (but only after the last resort of incantations and spells stirred into a cauldron of past magazines and fertilizers had failed), that the Temple of the Swan would be celebrating the festival of apathy rather than abundance in 1961.

'Cease', said the High Priest one cold April morning, as his assistants were about to throw yet another victim (and his unhappy contribution) to the sacrificial flames. 'This is wrong. We must change our approach,' he said. 'Bring religion to the people,' he said. 'Get to know them,' he said. '... Speak to them'.

Horried glances were exchanged as seven pairs of eyes widened in startled amazement, and seven voices screamed in priestly co-ordination,

'Climb off our pedestals! Get to know the boys! Ask for contributions!'

'Yes', was the emphatic, yet 'aweful', reply. Nothing further could be said.

Hence for two hectic weeks we, the editors, redoubled our energies and efforts—pleading, arguing, badgering, threatening, sifting, assimilating and accepting the factual and detailed record of a School Year and the original voices of its participants. We-in-fact—'went out to the people'. This is the result—a larger than ever, better than ever' magazine. Turning through the pages of reports and results, articles and poetic particles, drawings and photographs, you will see that we have a better quality paper this year, tastefully printed and organised, and notice that in common with all successful publications the 'Swan' now carries advertising, an innovation.

Thus, with pride, the seven editors stand back and admire the result of your work. For it must be remembered that the 'Swan' is a mirror of YOUR achievements in Sports, Scholastic and Society activity.

R. M. MONKS.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS

School Captain: W. L. V. Tong.

Vice-Captains: A. Alderman, R. M. Monks, P. A. Taylor.

School Prefects: A. Baker, S. Baxter, K. Butler, R. Chaplin, I. Clark, R. Davis, R. Dearlove, R. Dowling, C. Doyle, H. Duffy, H. Froggatt, R. Fuller, M. Gilson, M. Head, R. Hill, I. Hodgson, C. Hughes, K. Lane, N. Lovelock, P. Marshall, J. Mearns, A. Oliver, D. Parker, P. Read, P. Rix, D. Smith, M. Stenning, G. E. Taylor, G. R. Taylor, K. Wallis, R. Whitaker.

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| Soccer Captain | ... | ... | ... | R. Dearlove |
| Rugby Captain | ... | ... | ... | R. Davis |
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Editors: Mr. D. S. Madge, R. M. Monks, I. D. Stuart, K. Butler, R. Davis, C. Burley, P. Derks, M. C. Kolaszynski.

SCHOOL NOTES

During the year, School numbers rose to an unprecedented peak of 640 and, in spite of sending 27 juniors to the new Burnham Grammar School, there were 622 on roll in September, of whom 144 were in the sixth form.

School has been twice bereaved by the sudden death of two members of the Staff, Mr. A. G. Davies and Mr. J. Barnshaw. Mr. A. G. Davies had been with us only since September 1959 and had been responsible for the newly-introduced study of Russian. His very sudden and unexpected death on Saturday, the 7th January, shocked and grieved us all. The School paid an impressive and touching tribute to his memory by packing St. Lawrence's Church, Upton, at 9 a.m. on Thursday, the 12th January for the funeral service. We are all very grateful to the Vicar, the Reverend N. D. Brown, for offering his church for this occasion and conducting the service.

The death of our old gardener, Mr. J. Barnshaw, at the great age of 77 was less unexpected. He had given generous and trustworthy service right through to the week-end when he died quietly at his home on Sunday, the 22nd January. The School was represented at his funeral at Burnham Village Church on Tuesday, the 31st January.

In July Mr. Vincent Evans entered well-earned retirement after nineteen years of service at this School, during which his personal enthusiasm brought many to have an interest and liking for art.

Our congratulations go to Dr. R. T. Spence on his promotion to the post of Senior History Master at the Arnold School, Blackpool, as from January of this year. We were all sorry at his departure, and most grateful to him for all his excellent service to the School. It was a pleasing surprise when he visited us at half term in February.

We also congratulate Mr. N. McCabe who leaves us in July to become Senior Modern Language Master at Bournemouth School. His versatility, energy, and thoroughness as much in the field of music as in the Modern Language Department, have been a valuable and valued contribution to the School, and we shall miss his influence.

Mr. A. D. Robinson leaves us in July to take up appointment at the Perse School, Cambridge. We thank him for his many services as a teacher and on the games field, both at school and as a member of the Old Paludians.

Mr. E. Thomas left us at Christmas on accepting an editorial post in Holland.

During the year we have welcomed Mr. F. E. Appleton from the University of Cambridge; Mr. R. E. Bower of King's College, London, from teaching in France; Mr. R. Keen of Birmingham University, from Canada, and Mr. T. M. Shelley, who has come from teaching in London to take charge of the Art Department. All have quickly made their valuable contributions to the School. We are sorry Mr. Keen leaves us in July, but congratulate him on becoming Senior Science Master at Basingstoke. Mr. J. Redgrave has been away for the whole year for a special course at Shoreditch Training College, and his absence has caused serious limitation to the metal-work classes.

For the first time we have had two assistants in our Modern Language Department, Mr. J. Hourcade from France, and Herr A. Endriss from Germany, and we have been most fortunate to have two such capable and willing colleagues who have quickly become our friends.

With the greatly increased clerical work caused by the development of the School, particularly at Sixth Form level, we have been glad to have the help of Mrs. E. White, who has come to us as Assistant School Secretary.

Just before Christmas we received news of the marriage of Mr. M. Ficht, who was with us in 1959.

During the year, we were delighted to receive a visit from Monsieur Roger Elk, who was Assistant here from 1952-53.

Once again Robin Bowers (1950-7) visited us from Michigan State University, U.S.A. For three years running, his name has appeared in the University All-A Honours Roll. This year he majors in English and we wish him good success.

John Hughes (1949-56) had the distinction of playing hockey for the United London Hospitals XI.

George Ayre is now an R.A.F. Officer Cadet at Cranwell, working hard at mathematics and physics towards a degree after studying modern languages with us. He was successful in gaining qualification as a pilot for glider and piston-engine machines before entering Cranwell.

Congratulations to Raymond Groome (1948-54) on his commission in the Coldstream Guards last summer.

The series of lectures at the Royal Institute in London has been attended by a keen group of Sixth Form scientists. Other parties have enjoyed the lectures given under the auspices of the Commonwealth Institute and the Slough College of Further Education.

On 22nd October, a party of geographers spent the whole day at a London conference organised by the Royal Geographical Society.

We express our gratitude to Mr. Fenner Brockway, M.P., for again arranging a visit to the Houses of Parliament when 25 boys were able to hear debates in the Commons and the Lords.

On Wednesday, 28th December, at the invitation of the Slough Society for the Mental Health of Children, 9 members of the Sixth Form visited Leavesden Hospital for Mentally Handicapped Children. They were welcomed by the Superintendent and the Matron and shown the remedial work being done.

Under the leadership of Mr. J. Collin and Mr. R. E. Malin, a School party made a very interesting expedition to Grenoble and Upper Savoy.

The School is proud of those boys who have offered voluntary services for others in S.C.M. International Work parties and in the Commonwealth Institute's voluntary services overseas.

It is with deep gratitude that we record the help given to our Russian Department by Mrs. B. Thompson, Mr. R. C. Halsall of the Road Research Establishment, and Mr. I. Lister of the Haberdashers' Aske's School.

During the year it has been a pleasure to receive visits from an increased number of former scholars, some of whom left more than ten years ago.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. McCabe on the birth of their son, Dominic; Mr. and Mrs. Hooley on the birth of their daughter Penelope, and Mr. and Mrs. Myatt on the birth of their second daughter, Philippa.

We are proud of the growing company of Old Boys who have taken higher degrees after research at their universities and are now doing university teaching at home or in America.

At School on 9th December, our Sixth Form historians and economists heard a talk on 'Pakistan and the Muslim World', given by Mr. Nasim Ahmed from the Commonwealth Institute.

It has been enjoyable and profitable to avail ourselves of the vocal and instrumental concerts arranged by the County Music Advisers.

HAIL

G. A. H. Admitt, R. Archer, C. L. Avis, O. Bailey, C. Bawden, D. J. Benton, M. C. Birch, P. Bloxham, M. Blount, I. Booth, S. J. Bowdler, A. Braybrooke, B. W. Burn, M. Butt, D. C. Cairns, J. J. Carr, B. J. Carrod, B. D. Carter, I. R. Cartwright, P. T. Chaney, P. N. Chant, M. J. Clark, J. Cooney, H. J. Cowles, R. J. Cox, A. L. Crane, G. A. Crawford, R. J. Deuchars, R. J. Digby, S. Duff, B. E. Eaglestone, R. A. Eatwell, J. Elder, J. Foreman, A. J. Fryett, F. C. E. Gamble, B. Goatly, K. Gould, K. Grant, R. J. Gray, J. Hamblen, R. J. Harman, M. P. Harris, R. N. Hendey, B. E. Hobson, J. L. James, J. C. Jones, P. C. Lee, T. Lee, J. A. Luckie, R. P. S. Lynch, C. Mansfield, P. R. McGoun, J. C. Merritt, A. T. Moore, M. J. Moore, B. F. Morgan, J. N. Morrell, A. P. Morton, D. Nicholas, D. G. O'Keefe, G. Paling, R. Pallett, M. Paxton, M. J. Pearce, P. Pike, G. A. B. Pizzey, R. F. Poulter, M. J. Pratt, M. Pugh, J. F. Raines, R. Randolph, R. Rayner, M. S. Reed, K. Reynolds, M. Rich, M. Roberts, A. Rule, P. Sallnow, K. Sampson, J. A. Scrivens, P. Sharpe, R. G. Smith, R. J. W. Talbot, M. R. Talmage, M. A. Tarrant, I. Taylor, J. Thomas, J. R. Treble, J. A. Troke, D. L. Twigg, J. T. Underwood, D. Vincent, D. Watson, I. W. Watterson, D. W. Webber, J. F. Whelan, R. Whelan, C. R. Whitely, J. Whiting, G. S. Wilkerson, P. B. Willatts, D. Williams, I. Wright, K. A. Wright, G. J. Wyld.

FAREWELL

A. Altmayer, B. Antill, S. Arnott, R. Ash, R. Ashley, G. Ayre, N. Ball, J. Bayford, G. Bradley, R. Burnell, A. de Burton, B. Carter, P. Chatman, P. Clay, E. Clements, N. Collins, R. Curry, G. Dalton, F. Davey, J. Deans, A. Deuchar, C. Dyer, M. Elguezabal, J. Emerson, R. Fahey, P. Faulkner, K. Folker, E. Foster, J. Fowler, D. Freeth, J. Ford, B. Gates, I. Goff, R. Greenfield, D. Gumm, C. Halsey, K. Halstead, W. Hardy, J. Hartill, M. Hanson, E. Hill, F. M. Holliday, D. Holdford, D. James, A. Johnson, M. Jones, L. Jury, T. Knight, A. Layzell, C. Lewis, I. Lindop, F. Little, A. Lucas-Smith, C. Martin, K. Martin, P. Matru, T. McMahon, R. Nash, G. Oliver, W. Osborne, A. Parsons, J. Prosser, B. Ray, A. Richardson, G. Riglar, K. Robey, A. Rule, K. Scribbins, F. Shrubbs, J. Spencer, J. Stacey, R. Stanger, M. Stokes, P. Stopp, G. Sturgeon, C. Summerhayes, D. Thomas, I. Thomas, W. Thorne, C. Tyrie, P. Underwood, R. Willetts, T. Yeomanson, G. Ball, W. Brindle, R. Bury, B. Greenland, W. Page, V. Russell.

TO BURNHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL: J. Ashby, M. Barnes, J. Beaumont, D. Bihel, K. Blackwood, A. Broadbent, S. Brown, D. Butler, D. Cooper, J. Coyne, A. Davies, R. Doncaster, T. Dawson, M. Garrett, K. Gorman, R. Gunner, R. Heath, S. Holmes, J. Marshall, P. Nicholas, M. Nolan, R. Packwood, A. Phillips, A. Pilanz.

SPEECH DAY, 1961

At Speech Day, on Wednesday, 15th March, boys of the 4th, 5th, and 6th forms, together with many parents, welcomed as guest speaker, Dr. F. A. Vick, O.B.E., the Director of Harwell Atomic Research Establishment. His entertaining speech was a highlight of a successful evening.

Mr. J. T. Ireland, C.C., Chairman of the Board of Governors, extended his usual warm welcome, before introducing the Headmaster's annual Report. Dr. Long was particularly pleased at the excellent examination results attained; students, unfortunately, had to work in cramped conditions, owing to the ever-increasing number of pupils. It was hoped that new accommodation could soon be added.

After presenting the prizes, Dr. Vick spoke about the requirements of a first-class scientist, and the co-operation necessary between artists and scientists. Neither group must cut itself off from the other, and neither could exist alone. The Head Boy, Vaughan Tong, proposed a Vote of Thanks, which was seconded by his deputy, Roger Monks.

Two examples of Choral Speaking were then excellently performed by groups trained by Mr. F. D. Gibson, Senior English Master. These were followed by renderings by the School Choir and Assembly Choir of: Schütz's 'The Pharisee and the Publican'; Byrd's 'Sanctus' and 'Agnus Dei', from the Mass for three voices; and the American song, 'L'il Liza Jane'. A recital of the 1st Movement of Bach's 'Concerto in D Minor for two violins', was given by Herr A. Endriss and Mr. N. McCabe, with Mr. J. Mourie at the piano.

The National Anthem brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

C. B.

FORMS I: SUBJECT PRIZES

Davis, C. (English); Hannam, R. (French, Science); Lang, R. W. (Geography); Wallace, G. (History); Bull, R. H. (Mathematics); Weller, A. (Music); Gleave, D. (Art).

FORMS II: SUBJECT PRIZES

Towersey, A. (English); Willson, C. (Latin); Knight, D. (French, Woodwork); Edwards, G. (German); Gardner, L. (Geography, Science); Martin, J. (History); Taylor, F. (Mathematics); Dilnot, D. (Art); Crawshaw, D. (Music); Twisleton, J. (Metalwork).

FORMS III: SUBJECT PRIZES

Singleton, A. (English); Light, G. (Latin, German); McGoun, R. (French); Barrett, R. (Geography); Earl, M. (History); Croker, J. (Mathematics); Quentin, A. (Science); Boul, A. (Music); Liszka, A. (Art); Francis, R. (Metalwork); Checkley, R. (Woodwork).

FORMS IV: SUBJECT PRIZES

Garner, D. (English, General Science); Freestone, M. (Latin); Moss, R. (French, German); Slater, P. (History); Jellis, R. (Mathematics); Higginson, B. (Biology, Chemistry); Muir, A. (Physics); Elderfield, C. (Music); Virgo, J. (Art); Back, A. (Metalwork); Hatt, M. (Woodwork); Newby, P. (Geography).

FORMS V: SUBJECT PRIZES

Evans, C. (English Language); Bull, G. (English Literature); Willson, M. (Latin, General Science); Timms, C. (French, Music); Sherlock, R. (Geography, History); Le Page, J. (Mathematics); Solomon, M. (Biology, Physics); Moore, R. (Chemistry); Altmayer, A. (Woodwork); Smyth, A. (Art); Burley, C. (German).

LOWER SIXTH: SUBJECT PRIZES

Davis, R. (French, German); Eyre, J. (Economics, History); French, M. (Physics); Dowson, P. (Pure Mathematics); Clark, I. (Applied Mathematics); Stevens, R. (Pure and Applied Mathematics); Price, C. (Geography); Grimwood, P. (Chemistry); Billington, M. (Biology).

UPPER SIXTH: SUBJECT PRIZES

Monks, R. (English); Whitaker, R. (Latin); Lindop, I. (French); Butler, K. (German); Taylor, P. (Pure Mathematics, Physics); Hardy, W. (Applied Mathematics); De Burton, A. (History); Knight, T. (Economics); Fowler, J. (Chemistry); Johnson, A. M. (Geography); Faulkner, P. (Pure and Applied Mathematics).

CERTIFICATES FOR 'ORDINARY' LEVEL SUBJECTS,
G.C.E. EXAMINATION

(including subjects passed in December, 1959)

9 subjects:

Kochanowski, S.; Kolaszynski, M.; Ratchford, J.

8 subjects:

Attock, B.; Bull, G.; Burden, J.; Evans, C.; Le Page, J.; Louch, C.; Robotham, J.; Skillings, P.; Solomon, M.; Timma, C.; Willson, M.

7 subjects:

Airtley, D.; Boweren, M.; Daly, T.; Derks, P.; Gain, M.; Gardner, P.; Houchin, M.; Jones, M.; Moore, R.; Serjent, P.; Sirey, P.; Smyth, A.

6 subjects:

Benton, C.; Bowley, D.; Franks, P.; Godber, J.; Goff, I.; Haines, K.; Hearn, N.; Kingswood, T.; Lawson, D.; Malone, B.; Martin, S.; Savage, R.; Steinwender, P.; Thomas, G. J.; White-Taylor, D.; Willis, P.

5 subjects:

Ash, R.; Beer, D.; Burry, R.; Cobbett, R.; Deans, J.; Ford, J.; Hickson, K.; Hughes, C.; Jones, R.; Lewis, T.; McMahon, T.; Organ, T.; Thomas, G. G.

4 subjects:

Curry, R.; Duff, M.; Folker, K.; Gates, B.; Husbands, E.; Isaac, K.; Loryman, J.; Pudney, I.; Sherlock, R.; Spring, D.; Warden, N.

3 subjects:

Alder, D.; Carter, B.; Chatman, P.; Emerson, J.; Hartill, J.; Page, W.; Prosser, J.; Riglar, G.; Savage, J.; Shrubbs, F.; Spencer, J.; Yeomanson, T.

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

English (E); Latin (L); French (F); History (H); Geography (Gy); German (G); Spanish (Sp); Economics (Ec); Pure Mathematics (PM); Applied Mathematics (AM); Higher Mathematics (HM); Pure & Applied Mathematics (PAM); Physics (P); Chemistry (C); Botany (Bot); Zoology (Zy); Biology (B); Woodwork (W).

* County Awards

† Distinction

SIXTH FORM CERTIFICATES

| | Advanced Level | Scholarship Level |
|---------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Alderman, A. | Ec, PM. | Ec. |
| Ashley, R. | F, Gy, Ec. | |
| Ayre, G. | F, G, H. | |
| Bayford, J. | F, H, L. | |
| Bradley, G. | PAM. | |
| * Burrell, R. | PM, P. | |
| Butler, K. | F, G, L. | |
| Chaplin, R. | PAM. | |
| Clay, P. | PAM. | |
| Clements, E. | P. | |
| Collins, N. | E, L, F. | |
| * Dalton, G. | PAM, P, C. | |

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| * Davey, F. | PM, AM, P. | PM. |
| Dearlove, R. | G, Ec, PM. | |
| * de Burton, A. | F, H. | H. |
| * Deuchar, A. | PM, AM, P. | PM, P. |
| Donaldson, B. | PAM, P. | |
| Fahey, R. | PAM, P. | |
| * Faulkner, P. | PAM, P, C. | C. |
| * Fowler, J. | PM, P, C. | |
| * Freeth, D. | PM, AM, P. | PM, AM. |
| Green, M. | PAM, P, C. | |
| Greenfield, R. | H, Gy, Ec. | |
| * Halstead, K. | PM, AM, HM, P, C. | PM, AM, P. |
| Halsey, C. | F, G, H. | |
| * Hanson, J. | PM, AM, P. | |
| Hardy, W. | PM, AM†, P, HM. | PM, AM† |
| Head, M. | E, F, Ec. | |
| * Hill, E. | PM, P, C. | |
| Holdford, D. | C, Bot, Zy. | |
| * Holliday, M. | PAM, P. | |
| James, D. | PAM, P. | |
| * Johnson, A. | Gy, Ec, PM. | Gy, Ec. |
| Knight, T. | H, Ec. | H, Ec† |
| Lewish, C. | Gy, Ec. | |
| * Lindop, I. | L, P. | F. |
| Lovelock, N. | G, F, Ec. | |
| * Lucas-Smith, A. | PM, AM, P. | P. |
| Marshall, P. | PM, AM, P. | PM. |
| * Martin, K. | PAM, P, C. | P. |
| * Monks, R. | E, H, Ec. | H. |
| * Oliver, G. | H, Gy, Ec. | Gy. |
| * Osborne, W. | PM, AM, P. | P. |
| Pape, J. | PM, P. | |
| * Parsons, A. | C, B. | |
| * Ray, B. | PM, AM, P†, C. | PM. |
| Richardson, A. | H, Ec. | |
| Rix, P. | PM, AM, P. | |
| * Robey, K. | PM†, AM, P. | PM, AM. |
| Smith, D. | P, C, Bot, Zy. | |
| Stanger, R. | PAM, P. | |
| * Summerhayes, C. | PM, P, C. | |
| Taylor, G. | Zy. | |
| Thomas, W. | PM, P. | |
| Thorne, W. | PAM, P. | |
| Tong, W. | L, F, H. | |
| * Tyrie, C. | PM, AM, P. | |
| Whitaker, R. | L, F, G. | F. |
| * Willatts, A. | PAM, P. | |

STATE SCHOLAR: Taylor, P. (Advanced Level—PM†),
(Scholarship Level—PM, AM†)

TRAINING COLLEGE PLACES: N. Collins; R. Greenfield.
A.C.F. CERTIFICATES:

Cert A. (Parts I and II) Cobbett, R.; Daly, T.; Riglar, G.; Thomas, G.;
White-Taylor, D.; Warden, N.; Young, C.
Cert. T. Mearns, J.

CRANWELL SCHOLARSHIP (R.A.F.)—Ayre, G.
G.P.O. ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP: Ray, B.
SANDWICH COURSE: Thomas, W. D. R.

SPECIAL PRIZES

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| Headmaster's Prize: | Knight, T. (Head Boy 1959/60) |
| Library Service: | Baker, A.; Stuart, I. |
| Swimming Championship Challenge Cup: (presented by County Alderman A. E. Ward) | Griffiths, P. L. Collins, N.; Lucas-Smith, A. |
| General Service: | Holliday, M. Alder, D. Baxter, S. Lindop, I. |
| Ford Cup (for outstanding voluntary service to the School): | Hampden House. |
| Dramatics Prize: | |
| Music Prize: | |
| Magazine Prize: | |
| Old Paludians' House Shield (for games and athletics): | |

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



Drawing by K. Mathias (3 B)

AN EVENING OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC AND DRAMA

Friday, 16th December, heralded an evening of promise and certainly unique interest. The School Dramatic Society had decided to deviate from the normal practice of a Modern or Shakespearian production, and with the School Choir combined to produce an 'Evening of Christmas Music and Drama'. Demand for tickets was so great that the original single performance was extended to Saturday evening, as well.

What in fact was the audience presented with? The Choir sang some early English carols. The Dramatic Society presented the medieval **Coventry Nativity Play**. This was the content of the entertainment.

The difficulties, of course, were immense. The choir had to produce the right atmosphere, not a pseudo-religious awe, but rather a gay reverence. After all, the birth of Christ is a joyous event. On the whole they succeeded. The novelty of the little known Carols caught the attention of the audience from the outset and the choir responded with vigour and zest.

By the interval, the audiences of both evenings were thoroughly acquainted with the manner and purpose of the evening and awaited the play with interest and expectation. But here again there was an insuperable difficulty to surmount. The play was not known generally, although its theme was. The difficulty lay, therefore, in maintaining the interest engendered in the audience.

The actors were not quite so successful, though it must be admitted, it was not entirely their fault. The Coventry Nativity Play is beautifully naive, beautifully simple. Its real power and excellence is in the warmth and friendliness in which all the characters are clothed, by the words they speak, or the confidential manner in which they address the audience. The Dramatic Society tried and made a brave effort to achieve this contact with the audience, and certain individuals, such as Mary, Gabriel and the Second King, shone admirably in their parts. The net effort, however, fell below the rather difficult goal desired. The bright costumes brought part of the medieval atmosphere into the School Hall that night, but the very facilities, excellent lighting, stage and even modern audience, etc., helped to keep it an interesting spectacle rather than a real play.

[As a footnote, it is interesting to observe that a performance 'in the round' at Upton Towers for the Old People achieved a greater success and captured the desired effect—that of real contact with the audience.]

R. M. M.

The programme was as follows:

PART I.

EARLY ENGLISH CAROLS

(Sung by The School Choir)

1. NOVA! NOVA! (NEWS! NEWS!)
2. CAROL FROM THE COVENTRY NATIVITY PLAY
3. THE NAME DAY NOW OF CHRIST WE KEEP
4. THE SOMERSET WASSAIL
5. LULLAY, I SAW A SWEETE SEEMLY SIGHT
6. SIR CHRISTEMAS
7. TO BETHLEM SHEPHERD BRETHREN RAN
8. GREEN GROWTH THE HOLLY
9. THE SUSSEX CAROL
10. WHAT TIDINGS BRINGEST THOU?
11. JACOB'S LADDER
12. A VIRGIN MOST PURE
13. HOW FAR IS IT TO BETHLEHEM?

PART II

THE COVENTRY NATIVITY PLAY

| | Cast | | | | | |
|-----------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------------|
| ISAIAH | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Roger Monks |
| MARY | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Andrew Morton |
| GABRIEL | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | David Alder |
| JOSEPH | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Fraser Britton |
| SHEPHERD BOY | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Christopher Luck |
| SECOND SHEPHERD | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Denis Bowley |
| THIRD SHEPHERD | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Graham Wale |
| MESSINGER | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Michael Reeves |
| HEROD | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Philip Gardner |
| FIRST KING | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Keith Mathias |

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| SECOND KING | ... | ... | Brian Whelan |
| THIRD KING | ... | ... | Keith Elliott |
| FIRST SOLDIER | ... | ... | Clive Burley |
| SECOND SOLDIER | ... | ... | Graham Edwards |
| COURTIERS | ... | ... | Patrick Brett, David Crawshaw, Adrian Weller, Timothy Kingswood, Roger Hodskins |

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|----------------------|-----|-----|-------------------|
| Play produced by | ... | ... | Mr. F. D. Gibson |
| Stage Manager | ... | ... | Mr. T. M. Hookey |
| Properties | ... | ... | Mr. T. J. Shelley |
| Costumes designed by | ... | ... | D. Alder |
| Stage Carpenter | ... | ... | G. C. D. Winfield |
| Electrician | ... | ... | Mr. R. Mills |
| Dance arranged by | ... | ... | Mr. H. Doncaster |
| Music arranged by | ... | ... | Mr. J. E. Moutrie |
| Prompter | ... | ... | G. Light |
| Box Office | ... | ... | Mr. J. Wharmby |

CERCLE FRANCAIS

'Le Médecin Volant'

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| Valère | ... | ... | John Virgo |
| Sabine | ... | ... | John Hall |
| Sganarelle | ... | ... | Douglas Garner |
| Gorgibus | ... | ... | Alan Alderman |
| Gros-René | ... | ... | Michael Shepherd |
| Lucile | ... | ... | Robert Moss |
| A Lawyer | ... | ... | John Marks |

'Le Malade Imaginaire'

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| Argan | ... | ... | Martin Willson |
| Toinette | ... | ... | Mirosław Kolaszynski |
| Angelique | ... | ... | Brian Malone |
| Béline | ... | ... | Stuart Baxter |
| M. de Bonnefoy | ... | ... | William Rundle |
| Cléante | ... | ... | Clive Burley |
| M. Diafoirus | ... | ... | Clifford Evans |
| Louison | ... | ... | Robert Moss |
| Béralde | ... | ... | Gerald Bull |
| M. Fleurant | ... | ... | Keith Haines |
| M. Purgon | ... | ... | Derek White-Taylor |
| Member of the Faculty | ... | ... | Peter Willetts |

Stage Manager: Mr. F. D. Gibson. Lighting: Mr. R. Mills.
Prompters: R. Fountain and D. Garner. Produced by Mr. R. E. Malin.

After last year's successful production of *Le Médecin Malgre Lui*, the Cercle Français turned once more to Molière, staging performances of *Le Médecin Volant* and *Le Malade Imaginaire* on March 23rd and 24th.

Le Médecin Volant was one of Molière's first attempts at dramatic authorship. Adapted—as many of his early farces were—from an Italian *pastorale*, it was intended for performance by his *Illustre Théâtre* company, which toured the French provinces in the fourteen years following its foundation in 1644. This short piece is of little interest apart from the foreshadows of situations in the later and maturer plays, *L'Amour Médecin*, *Le Médecin Malgre Lui* and *Le Malade Imaginaire*.

The performance of this play (by a Fifth Form group) was a little disappointing: the actors did not seem to be at ease, and most of their words failed to come across clearly.

The main production was *Le Malade Imaginaire*. First presented at the Palais-Royal on February 10th, 1673. It was in this play that Molière collapsed and later died. The form of *Le Malade* is like that of *Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme*: that is, it is a *comédie-ballet*—in which the main action is divided by *intermèdes* of ballet and music.

Naturally the presentation of the play, complete with its *intermèdes*, is beyond the resources of the Cercle. Nevertheless, *Le Malade* is not such a successful example of *comédie-ballet* as *Le Bourgeois* because the fusion between the ballet episode and the main action of the play is not wholly successful. Therefore, by cutting Toinette's references to Polichinelle at the end of the First Act and Béralde's references to the party of gypsies at the end of the Second Act, the Cercle managed to omit the *intermèdes* without any difference to the main play. The final ballet, however, is a totally different matter: not only is it an extremely funny piece of fooling, but it also emphasizes still further the gullibility of Argan. The Cercle's solution of introducing a dozen or so junior boys dressed in academic robes chanting the *quasi-Latin* verses was hardly satisfactory.

Apart from this, the performance was one of complete enjoyment. The main rôles were extremely well played—Martin Willson's Argan and Mirosław Kolaszynski's Toinette in particular. Stuart Baxter was a very good Béline, and Brian Malone and Clive Burley made a convincing pair of lovers. It was a pity that Clifford Evans spoiled an otherwise excellent portrayal of Thomas Diafoirus by clowning a little too much, drawing the audience's attention away from the main action. All the small parts were well done—Derek White-Taylor's short appearance as the enraged Monsieur Purgon, and William Rundle's lawyer.

Altogether it was a creditable production for all concerned and a worthy successor to last year's *Le Médecin Malgre Lui*.

I. D. S.

CADET NOTES

Congratulations to this year's Part I squad. They all passed the examination, which was held at Beaconsfield Regular Army Centre in February; S. Cleaver, D. Fisher, R. Fowle, A. Boul, D. Parsons, J. Reeves, P. Roberts, S. Tidswell, G. Wale, M. Ward.

Last year's Part II successes included R. Cobbett, T. Daly, G. Riglar, G. Thomas, N. Warden, D. White-Taylor, C. Young, While P. Howie, R. Loomes, F. Lucas-Smith, A. Mayo, T. Phillips and R. Smith, having passed Part I last year, are now awaiting the next Part II examination in July.

In Signals, G. Riglar gained the grade of 'Classified', while J. Mearns, G. Thomas and T. Daly passed the Assistant Instructors examination.

A new venture this year has been the visit of five of our members—R. Cobbett, T. Daly, T. Phillips, N. Warden and C. Young—to Germany. There, at Münster, they spent ten days with a famous Regiment of the British Army. There may be a similar opportunity next year.

C. Young has initiated a First Aid Course this term. It calls to mind the importance of swimming to a Cadet. These two skills may enable him to render vital assistance to someone in distress. A few years ago one of our members did play such a part in saving a life on an Outward Bound course.

To be able to swim is likely to be especially useful at Camp this summer. Last year we went to the seaside for an excellent ten days at Weymouth. This August we shall be beside the River Medway, near Rochester. As the site is also a Royal Engineers boating and bridging centre we may be instructed in handling some of their equipment. But this would only apply to Cadets who swim.

This Camp will also be different in that for the first time in many years, we shall not share it with the Cadets of another County. This will prevent many administrative difficulties and allow us to enjoy an extra day-and-a-half firing on the .303 range.

We are indebted to the War Office and to the County Cadet Committee and its officers for these camps, of which the fee at one pound per head is a nominal one. Those who intend to go to camp should bear this in mind: we want keen and energetic Cadets at camp who are prepared to give of their best and face hardships and annoyances cheerfully.

Finally, we welcome and congratulate the nineteen boys who have been enterprising enough to volunteer for the Company this year. We hope that among them will be some who will acquire enough sense of responsibility and self-discipline to become reliable N.C.O's.

GUESTS OF THE BRITISH ARMY IN GERMANY

At 3 o'clock on the afternoon of Wednesday, 5th April, 1961, ten heavily laden cadets struggled on to platform 6 at Slough Station. This was the Bucks. A.C.F. contingent off to Münster B.A.O.R., for a ten day tour of the British Army. The party consisted of five cadets from the School, Cpl. Daly, L/Cpls. Cobbett, Young and Warden, and Cdt. Phillips, with five other cadets from Iver. At 3.40 the whole party under Sergeant Major Dodds, crammed into a compartment and we were off, bound for Germany on our first journey abroad. We soon arrived at Liverpool Street Station and, after being directed from one Military Policeman to another for nearly an hour, we were finally put on a troop train for Harwich along with 500 other cadets from all over Great Britain. After being given a meal at Harwich and passing through numerous emigration officials, we finally embarked on H.M. Troopship 'Empire Parkeston', where L/Cpl. Young promptly donned his life-jacket and refused to remove it during the cross-channel voyage. Having each been issued with a strong paper bag we were allowed on deck for a few hours until 'lights out'.

The next morning we arrived at the Hook of Holland, where we disembarked and climbed aboard a Dutch train for our first Continental railway journey.

After an extremely interesting and colourful train journey through Holland, we crossed the border and arrived at Münster Westfalen at 14.00 hrs. on Thursday, where we were met by Military Transport and taken to the barracks of the 1st Battalion York and Lancaster, who were to be our hosts for the next ten days.

For the duration of our visit we were placed under an Army Captain, whose job it was to ensure that we were not idle, so he armed us all with Sterling Submachine guns and Belgian self-loading-rifles with plenty of ammunition, and told us to fire it all on the range, which we thought was a most fitting start to a visit to the Army.

A visit to the German Army was next on our list, so we were packed into a convoy of trucks and driven to a German Army Panzer Division. The German soldiers were very friendly and extremely eager to show us their equipment and weapons, which are mainly American, and some of our party were even allowed to fire one of their tanks. Most of the Germans knew some English and were keen to try it on our cadets and it was with some regret that we finally left them to return to Münster.

Apart from showing us the modern Army, our hosts intended to make quite sure that we also saw something of the German countryside, so off we went along the autobahns to Mindon, more than 100 miles away where we were allowed to explore the town. Like most large German towns,

Mindon has been completely rebuilt since the War and their shops are very modern and interesting, so consequently, when we finally returned to Münster we were all heavily laden with souvenirs.

The following day we drove in convoy to see the Mohne See Dam which, though destroyed by the 'Dam Busters' during the war, has now been rebuilt and presented an excellent target for the photograph-hungry members of our party, who were soon busily clicking their machines at everything and everybody in sight. At last, after having spent the whole day clambering over the dams and surrounding hills, it was a very exhausted group of cadets which finally roared back along the autobahn.

For the remainder of our visit, having already seen something of the countryside, we were now to be 'let loose' on the army and its equipment. We drove in anything from Champs and 3-ton trucks to Armoured Personnel Vehicles and Conqueror tanks; we watched artillery firing by 25 pdr. field guns and the new 5.5" howitzer; we were 'attacked' by Super Sabre jets of the Royal Belgian Air Force and flew in helicopters; we lurched about on Scammel Recovery Tractors and Conqueror Recovery Tanks. There appeared to be no limit to what we were allowed to do.

At last it was all over, and with all our souvenirs packed safely away, we were standing at Münster Hauptbahnhof waiting for the troop-train to 'Blighty'. We climbed aboard and after waving out of the carriage windows for a few hundred miles, we finally arrived back at the Hook of Holland where we embarked on the troopship and collapsed exhausted on our bunks.

And so ended a most instructive visit and our first continental holiday.

T. M. DALY (L.VI).



Photograph by R. Cobbett.

A group of School Cadets with a Panzer Unit in Germany.

DALE FORT 1961

'O daughter, O daughter, O where have they gone,
Out in the cold and the rain.'
'Five miles to the nearest inn,
And five miles back again.'

An old Dale song.

Every March a party of Biologists from the Vith Form visits the Dale Fort Field Centre on the Pembrokeshire coast for a week, to study sea-shore ecology (or the way animals and plants adapt themselves to, and live in, the environment of the sea-shore.) This year the party was larger than usual, numbering some eleven souls, including, for the first time, a member of Slough High School.

The first full day down there, Thursday, March 16th, was spent wandering around the sheltered sea shores learning to recognise the species. Specimens were taken back to the laboratory at night, identified and drawn. Later on strange noises were to be heard for it was the night of the new moon.

Friday saw us tramping up and down the Gann Flats (the mud flats in the estuary of the river Gann) counting worms. The object of this strenuous exercises was to map out the distribution of three species of marine worms on the Gann Flats and then to discover how their distribution varied with the substrate, the changes in salinity, and the tide level. All three species were filter feeders, i.e. they fed by filtering off food particles suspended in the sea-water, and could be identified from the nature of their tubes penetrating out above the sand. Five parties of two then counted the numbers of worms of each species in a square metre, at twenty yard intervals along straight lines crossing the 'Flats'. The final results of this work were shown at the annual conversation held by the Scientific Societies during the Easter Term.

The next day we visited an exposed sea-shore, collecting and identifying specimens, particularly those near the low-tide mark, whilst the afternoon was spent searching for rock pippits or examining rock pools to discover what species were commonly present. Rock pools are interesting because the species present, of all those on the sea-shore, are the only ones always covered by water, but they are subject to drastic changes in temperature, salinity, and oxygen concentration. How the animals and plants are able to adapt themselves to the changes is not known.

Sunday—theoretically—was a day of rest. However, the brains of the Grammar School were required to explain the unsolved mysteries of our time. This in some cases was done merely by turning to the right page in the right book, but other more daring spirits ventured abroad. Thus it was that a party of seven started to wade across the estuary with the tide coming in. Half-an-hour later they reached their destination, soaked up to the thighs. Nevertheless, investigation commenced—some five problems being tackled.

Typical of the work done, in the limited time, on these problems was the study by R. Archer and B. Roberts of the animal communities on, and under the rocks. They examined rocks which were embedded in varying degrees in the shingle and the sand. Animals living under rocks which were embedded would be kept permanently wet, and therefore under such rocks, fish, crabs, etc. would be found waiting for the return of the tide. Overhanging rocks would have some of their lower surfaces totally or partially exposed at low tide, making their inhabitants liable to dessication. Where there was, in such cases, little shelter from the sun and the wind no life was found, but with increasing shelter species and individuals progressively increased in number, e.g. sea-anemones, sea-squirrels, sponges, etc. Roughly, the amount of life present is inversely proportional to the degree of exposure.

Monday and Tuesday were devoted to the important, detailed study of life on a typical exposed and a typical sheltered shore. This was done by running a line down the beach and then counting the concentration of the animal and plant species found in a six inch band on either side of it, the vertical and horizontal positions of the species and the profile of the shore along that band being noted at the same time. The 'Transect' is complete when the results are plotted on to a diagram of the shore's profile. From these results a lot can be learned about the changes in distribution of a species with the changes in exposure.

Monday was also particularly momentous for the discovery of numerous rock pippits' nests by some members of the party, and Tuesday for G. H. Taylor's amusing but none the less interesting study of the local heather.

When work was finished for the night, the social life of Dale took over, the various groups of sixth-formers coming together to hold parties or discussions on anything under the sun. After the late night seminars, and a couple of hours of refreshing sleep, we would be back to work. Towards the end with the increasing daily programmes the last luxury had to be given up. The final night was spent around a camp fire watching informal wrestling matches and similar contests. No wonder almost all of the fifteen (four souvenirs) souls slept well on the train home.

Our thanks go to the Warden of the Field Centre, Mr. J. Barret, and all his staff for ensuring we lacked nothing and particularly to Mr. Binstead for his patience and skilful guidance throughout our visit.

D. I. SMITH.

GRENOBLE, 1960

Last Summer a party of twenty-seven boys visited Grenoble, a large town in the French Alps. After a journey lasting nearly twenty-four hours—during which we went on a sight-seeing trip around Paris—we eventually reached the lycée, a vast modern building in the southern part of the town. Here we were to live during our stay.

Grenoble is the largest town in the region, and is built on a triangle of land caused by the confluence of two rivers, the Isère and the Drac. It is dominated by fortress called 'La Bastille', which stands on the southernmost point of the Massif de la Grande Chartreuse. There are two ways of reaching 'La Bastille': by a tiring climb up the mountain, or by the téléphérique (cable-car). The latter starts from the town centre and crosses the river and the old town with its pretty, red-bricked houses. From the téléphérique you can see the new sky-scraper blocks that are springing up on the outer parts of the town, and that are such a contrast to the other buildings.

We spent a great deal of our time visiting places of interest in the surrounding district, using Grenoble as our centre. Our first visit was a walk to Sassenage, a small village five miles from Grenoble, where the hydro-electric scheme that supplies power to Grenoble is situated. We also visited the famous caves and were very impressed by these underground grottos and waterfalls, illuminated by vari-coloured lights.

We went mountain-climbing on three occasions—at the Cols du Galibier and Sauterier, at Chartreuse and in the Vercors. En route to the mountains we saw the massive dam, the Barrage du Chambon.

Our second trip outside Grenoble was to the Chartreuse Massif, where we visited the world-famous distillery of the green and yellow Chartreuse liqueurs. High on the side of the mountain is the Chartreuse monastery, ten miles from the nearest village and surrounded by gaunt rocks and tall pine trees.

On two occasions we travelled out of France: on the first occasion we went to Switzerland, and on the second, to Italy. Our Swiss visit was to Geneva, where we went by a motor-boat over the beautiful lake and saw the Palais des Nations and the 250 foot high fountain. On the way back to Grenoble we passed through Annecy, which was bedecked with flags in celebration of the centenary of the annexation of Savoy to France. Our Italian trip was to Susa, a small town just across the border. We also visited Briançon, one of the best examples of a Mediaeval fortress-town.

Mention must be made of our visit to the Vercors, the centre of the Resistance movement during the last war. Here we saw the cemetery near the village of Vassieux where all the inhabitants are buried, the whole village being massacred by the Nazis. We also spent some time at Pont en Royans and Vizille, with its famous Château—the cradle of the French Revolution. In the Belledonne mountain region we visited the Lac de Laffrey, where Napoleon, after escaping from Elba, rallied the French army to his side once more. This was a pleasant interlude on our way to the increasingly popular winter sports centre of Charousse.

Throughout our visit the weather was gloriously hot, except for a little rain on one day, and, despite one case of chicken-pox in the party, the visit was a great success. We would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Collin and Mr. and Mrs. Malin for arranging the trip for us, and also our French guide who answered all our questions with tolerance and the greatest good humour.

W. BIRMINGHAM (V A).

THE ASSEMBLY CHOIR

The Assembly Choir, as distinct from the Choral Society, has been in existence now for about four years. Mr. McCabe has been extremely helpful as conductor and trainer. His work is deeply appreciated by all the boys who attend the practices which begin every morning at about a quarter-past-eight. We are also deeply indebted to Mr. J. Moutrie for his invaluable assistance, both as singer and, on occasions, accompanist.

The music sung has been very varied. Towards the beginning of the year, the choir of fifty boys acquired a very good technique for singing church motets in Latin; several of these were sung including 'Ave, verum Corpus', by William Byrd.

In contrast, at the end of the Summer term, we produced a choral performance, with soloists of Henry Purcell's opera, 'Dido and Aeneas'.

As usual, at Christmas, a Carol Concert was given, in which the Assembly Choir joined with the Choral Society to perform to an audience which entered into the spirit of the time of the year, by singing also.

At the performance of the Christmas Nativity Play, the Assembly Choir sang a number of unusual, but very enjoyable, medieval carols.

The whole choir is extremely keen on carrying the good reputation already gained, and looks forward confidently to another full year's successful singing.

C. T.

SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

Conductor: Mr. J. Moutrie. Leader: S. Baxter.

The orchestra suffered a great blow last Summer when M. Hanson and A. Lucas-Smith left the School, thus ending several years of devoted service to the orchestra. We have welcomed several younger members of the School, who are now having their first experience of participating in a small orchestra.

In previous years we have been limited to stringed instruments alone, but this year, with the coming of Mr. Bower to the Staff, we have added some brass—two tenor cors (played by P. Pike and C. Young), a trumpet (played by A. Muir), and a trombone (played by Mr. Bower). These instruments have helped the orchestra enormously, for they have kept the strings in tune, besides adding considerably to the overall volume. This year we have also added a 'cello to the string section, and, as there are others who are learning to play the 'cello and the viola, we look forward to their joining us in the future.

This year we have given only a few performances, one of these being a performance of a San Martini concerto in which M. Hanson and S. Baxter played the solo violin parts. We are greatly indebted to Miss J. Feather, who regularly played 'cello for us and also to Miss G. Eason and Messrs. McCabe, Hampshire and Endriss.

On March 18th, some of our members went to the Orchestral Day held at Aylesbury, where all had a most enjoyable time. In May, we will perform a Vivaldi concerto in A-minor, in which Herr Endriss will be the soloist.

Although we have given only a few performances in the past year, I feel that the orchestra is emerging from its shell and will eventually play an important part in many of the School's public functions.

S. BAXTER.

MUSIC SOCIETY

President: Dr. W. R. V. Long.

Secretary: Ian D. Stuart.

Chairman: Bryan Attock.

Treasurer: Alan D. Baker.

After a most promising start, this has been a most disappointing year for the Society. In October, a party of members went to Sadler's Wells Theatre to see a performance of Rossini's 'La Cenerentola'. Mr. Moutrie arranged six visits to this theatre to attend performances in the Robert Mayer 'Opera Nights' series.

Several gramophone meetings were presented, but all were poorly attended. An inexplicable lack of interest in the Society's activities is the only cause for this. It is astounding how few boys who are studying music as part of their G.C.E. course, or who are members of the orchestra and the choir, are members of the Society. It is to be hoped that our membership will increase, so that we may be able to arrange some 'live' concerts—a thing we are unable to do until support increases.

I. D. STUART (Secretary).

JAZZ CLUB

Chairman: M. J. Green.

Vice-chairman: R. Davis.

Secretary: J. D. Pape.

Treasurer: A. E. Alderman.

Since the last annual report, the Club has experienced a marked change of emphasis in its programmes. This was due to the fact that all the officials of the Club preferred modern jazz, whereas in previous years the accent had been on traditional jazz. A change in the constitution of the Club was also made: the officials, realizing the truth in the old maxim, 'Too many cooks spoil the broth', decided to abolish the superfluous committee.

Soon after the beginning of the Autumn term, our newly-elected Chairman, E. J. Hill, had to leave us, but M. Green has competently filled the position.

Weekly programmes have been presented during Friday lunch-times, and consisted of records from members' private collections. In addition to these weekly meetings, Mr. Willett has presented a recital of his own

records after school. Our sincere thanks are offered to him for the interest he has shown in our activities and the assistance he has given us. Unfortunately, during the latter half of the year, our activities have been seriously curtailed because of the loss of the School gramophone. Nevertheless, the loss turned out to be a good thing for members, for the Club, unable to provide good jazz on record, obtained details of Jazz Concerts so that members could book tickets to attend them. Thus, during the past year, members have been able to hear several top American groups, such as the Miles Davis Quintet, and Ella Fitzgerald with the Oscar Peterson Trio.

J. D. PAPE (Secretary).

DEBATING SOCIETY

Chairman: Mr. R. Willett.

Vice-chairman: D. Smith.

Secretary: C. Hughes.

Committee: R. Whitaker; A. Oliver; D. Pratt; A. Lucas-Smith.

Once more Mr. Willett has competently acted as our chairman and adviser. His influence is felt at every meeting.

Debates held before Christmas included one deploring the United Nations Organization (which was defeated), and another in which members of Staff participated, when the motion was 'The house refuses to believe in Father Christmas'. This, too, was defeated.

This year the Society was privileged to be host to the local Inter-School Speaking Competition, in which Windsor County School for Boys was the eventual winner. The Inter-House Debating Competition, held during the Spring Term was won by Milton with Gray a very close second. We are grateful to the various members of staff who gave up their spare time to adjudicate the different rounds of the competition—especially Dr. Long and Mr. Collin, who judged the final.

It is a deplorable fact that there has been so little support from the Sixth Form this year, even in the Inter-House Competition. We can only hope that this is only a temporary set-back and that more of their number will join in the future.

C. E. HUGHES (Secretary).

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

Chairman: P. D. Grimwood.

Secretary: B. Donaldson.

Treasurer: M. Billington.

The programme of the Society has been very full and varied this year. At the beginning of the year we held a number of film shows, to some of which members of the High School Scientific Society were invited.

During the Autumn Half-term a tour of High Duty Alloys Ltd., was arranged. This was well supported and we thank all concerned at this firm for a most interesting afternoon. Towards the end of the same term we were challenged by The Scientific Society of the High School to a quiz which was held at the High School and in which our team was narrowly defeated.

The Society's attention during the Spring Term was devoted to the preparation of the annual *Conversazione* which was held in conjunction with the Natural History and Photographic Societies. The topic this year was Light and it is pleasing to note that the meeting was well attended.

The Committee would like to thank Mr. Robinson for his co-operation in all our activities.

B. DONALDSON (Secretary).



Drawing by K. Mathias (3 B)

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Chairman: P. A. Taylor.

Vice-Chairman: B. Donaldson.

Secretary: P. D. Rix.

Treasurer: A. Alderman.

Chemist: R. Selzer.

Once more the Society has had a very active year. Last May we were given a demonstration of developing Ferranicolour film by B. Ray, and since then many members have developed their own colour film. Once again the Society took photographs of Sixth Form boys who needed them for University applications. Members have gone on Travel Days to take colour slides which will be shown to Junior Forms in order that they may have a good idea of the places they are going to see.

During the Autumn Term a demonstration of enlarging was given to boys in the Lower School. In February, Mr. Kemp, a photographer from Kodak Ltd., visited the School to deliver a lecture on Nigeria and Ghana to senior boys. Afterwards he gave an informal talk to members of the Society on his experiences while taking photographs in Africa.

The highlight of the Society's year was the *Conversazione* held in conjunction with the Natural History and Scientific Societies. The Society gave a demonstration of enlarging and there was an exhibition of members' prints and colour slides.

In addition to these activities the Society has taken photographs of the School teams. Nearly every evening after School, members carry out their developing and printing in the Advanced Biology Laboratory. For this facility we gratefully thank Mr. Colombo and Mrs. Taylor for patiently putting up with the inconvenience we surely must cause them. We are also grateful to Mr. Mills for giving up so much of his time in the interests of the Society.

P. D. RIX (Secretary).

STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT

Sponsor: Mr. N. McCabe. **Secretary:** W. L. V. Tong.
Committee: M. French; H. Stroud; S. Baxter; P. Pike;
 D. White-Taylor; M. Houchin; E. Husbands.

The S.C.M. has the objects of providing Christian fellowship, laying before the members of the School the essential truths of the Christian faith and encouraging the acceptance of the Christian way of life. It is open to all members of the school, whatever their age or denomination. The activities of the group include weekly prayer meetings, evening fellowships and a 'Thursday Meeting', which usually takes the form of an address by an outside speaker, a film-show, a debate, or a quiz. During the lunch-hours we also hold Study Groups, in which groups of boys discuss topics of a biblical nature.

At the end of the Summer term, N. Collins, who had been our Treasurer for two years, left to begin training for teaching. We should like to take this opportunity of expressing our thanks to him.

We are glad to report that the past year has once again been one of great success. The membership has risen from 120 to over 180, and this has resulted in an increase of our activities. The number of Study Groups has increased from 8 to 18, and we are now providing tea at our Tuesday Meetings to encourage members to get to know each other better.

One of the outstanding features of the year has been the policy of providing more to suit the interests of the senior members of the Movement. Senior discussion groups have been formed and it was decided to replace the existing single prayer meeting by two—one for juniors and one for seniors. To avoid the Movement being split into two sections, it was decided to hold a monthly evening service for all members.

In December, the Movement held a Christmas party, which was attended by 80 members. A few days later we joined with parties from various Churches in Slough singing carols at the Crown Corner. Later, we went to Upton Hospital to sing carols to the patients. The S.C.M. was also one of the sponsoring bodies for a Jumble Sale held in April in aid of the 'Save the Children Fund', when just over £70 was realized.

Although the past year has been one of success, we would be wrong to rest contented. William Temple once said that the Christian Church is the only organization existing primarily for the people outside. We must bear this in mind and remember that our task is to be a mission and not just a 'holy huddle'. There are many outside the group, and some inside, to whom the Christian Church is a far-off ideal. If we fail in our duty to these, we have little reason for existence.

W. L. V. TONG (Secretary).

LIBRARY REPORT

Librarians: I. D. Stuart; A. D. Baker; B. Attock.
Asst. Librarians: D. Beer; D. Bowley; C. Burley; P. Gardner.

This has been a very successful year for the School Library; its facilities have been well used by a large number of boys, and the number of books issued each day has greatly increased.

This year, for the first time, we have taken advantage of the County Schools' Library Service, and have nearly 500 volumes on loan.

With our total number of books now well over the 5,000 mark, it is becoming increasingly difficult to find room to store them all! However, it is hoped that several new book-cases will be installed in the near future.

The Librarians are disturbed by the loss of quite a considerable number of books over the past two years, and they would be extremely grateful if these books were returned.

The Library Staff would like to thank Mr. Gibson for his guidance over the past year, and also to those boys who have kindly presented books to the Library.

IAN D. STUART (Librarian).

GEOGRAPHICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Chairman: R. M. Monks. **Secretary:** L. E. Greenaway.
Treasurer: R. Pape.
Committee: I. D. Stuart; M. Freeman; A. Rowbotham.

The Society has had a quiet year on the whole, mainly due to the lack of support from many parts of the School and from lack of funds.

Last Summer term the Society made its annual excursion, this time to Cambridge. All those who went had an enjoyable time visiting the Colleges and the surrounding countryside. We were lucky that our trip coincided with one of the rare sunny days of the summer. This year we hope to arrange an excursion of a different kind, avoiding the normal routine visiting places.

At the beginning of the Autumn Term members spent an enjoyable evening with Dr. Spence and Mr. Price who related their experiences of their holiday in France and illustrated their talk with some excellent colour slides. Soon after this meeting a film show concerned with the work of the United Nations Organisation was held, but this was, unfortunately, poorly attended. Our thanks are extended to all members of the Geography and History Staff—and in particular, Mr. Wharmby and Mr. Portus—for their continued help and advice in all our activities.

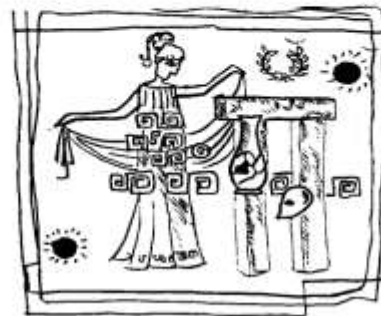
L. E. GREENAWAY (Secretary).

THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Chairman: Mr. T. Hooley. **Secretary:** C. J. Price.
Committee: D. Parker, H. Stroud.

The Society was inaugurated last September under the aegis of Mr. Hooley. Several meetings have been held, but our small membership and consequent lack of funds have prevented anything ambitious as yet. However, at the time of writing (May), plans are being advanced for a 'dig' at the end of the summer term.

C. J. PRICE (Secretary).



Drawing by K. Mathias (3 B)

CHESS CLUB

Chairman: Mr. J. Moutrie. **Secretary:** C. J. Marshall.
Treasurer: M. R. Stenning.

Our membership this year has risen to over 70 and it is gratifying to see so many junior boys at every meeting, and who, despite the comparative slowness of the game, are truly interested in bettering their play. We hope that these boys will in a few years constitute better School teams, since the present teams cannot claim to have distinguished themselves to any great extent in Inter-School matches this season. In truth, out of the seven matches played this year we have lost five, drawn one and won only one. Our Senior Team took part in the 'Sunday Times' National Chess Tournament for the first time. Although we managed to draw our match against Stewartby Grammar School, Bedfordshire, we lost under the age handicap. Our thanks are due to Mr. Moutrie for his great help in providing us with new equipment, and for taking part in a number of simultaneous and lightning matches. We look forward to the next year with more confidence.

C. J. MARSHALL (Secretary).

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Chairman: D. I. Smith. **Secretary:** P. R. Spooner.
Treasurer: B. A. Roberts.

During the Autumn term the Society held a Fungus Foray in Burnham Beeches. This, unfortunately, was poorly attended by members of the Lower School, but despite this, a wide range of species of fungi was found and displayed at School the following day.

This year our annual *Conversazione* was held in conjunction with the Photographic and Scientific Societies. The theme of the *Conversazione* was Light in all its various aspects and the exhibition was extremely successful. The Zoologists dealt with animals' fields of vision, camouflage and various animal eyes while the Botanists dealt with, among other topics, the necessity of light for plant life.

In the Summer term, during which most of our outdoor activities take place, it is hoped to hold several Wild Life expeditions and also to arrange a visit to one of the Zoos.

Our thanks as always, go to Mr. and Mrs. Colombo for their invaluable assistance.

P. R. SPOONER (Secretary).

AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY

Chairman: P. R. Rix. **Secretary:** M. C. Freeman.
Treasurer: P. Marshall.

The Society has had a comparatively quiet year but, as in the past, has continued to cater for the interest in Aeronautics of our members. During the first week of the Autumn term, a highly successful visit to the Royal Air Force Station at Biggin Hill, Kent, was arranged and thoroughly enjoyed by all who went.

Several talks have been given to the Society in the past year, and it is pleasing to note that some of these talks have been given by boys from the lower half of the School.

During the next few months the Society hopes to show films of the American Air Force and also to arrange a competition for our members. Our thanks are due to Mr. Blagrove for the time and guidance he has kindly given to the Society during the past year.

M. C. FREEMAN (Secretary).

MORRIS DANCING CLUB

Squire: R. M. Monks. **Bagman:** M. J. Billington.
Musician: C. Timms.

Regrettably, the past year has not been one of much activity for the Club. A lack of real enthusiasm on the part of all members, could well be blamed for this unhappy state of affairs, but we hope to make amends in the future.

Already a few opportunities are looming pleasantly on the horizon, opportunities which will afford plenty of scope for some very necessary practice, as our inactivity has made us rather rusty.

But I am sure we have survived the Winter with all the old tunes and dances of England lying dormant within us, ready to come forth with the Spring and a lively entertaining season. It is our pleasant duty to see that these traditional dances of England, dating from pre-Druid times, survive, and I ask anyone who also feels the same way to join the Club.

Six of our members will be leaving at the end of this School Year to be succeeded by a very capable team of Third Formers. I would like to take this opportunity to remind those who are leaving that it is their responsibility to continue the tradition of Morris Dancing at University and local clubs.

M. J. BILLINGTON (Bagman).

ANGLING SOCIETY

Chairman: K. Elliott. **Secretary:** D. Parsons.
Treasurer: J. Prout.

The Society has been revived by Fourth Formers and has enjoyed a fairly successful season. Attendances have been higher, and we have been able to explore new grounds, notably at Sonning and Alperton. Our catches have been better, and the average size of the fish has been bigger.

Trips are planned this Summer every month, commencing on June 17th. A trophy is also being awarded for the best fish landed on a Society trip during the coming season.

K. ELLIOTT (Chairman).

ART CLUB

The Club has been meeting during lunch hours this year in three groups. The Junior and Middle school groups have been well attended, and some varied and promising work has been done. More senior boys, especially those who no longer include Art on their time-tables, might well consider making use of the room on the day set aside for them.

Mr. T. SHELLEY.

SIXTH FORM BRIDGE CLUB

Advisor: M. G. A. Dickinson. **Secretary:** P. J. Derks.

Much enthusiasm has been shown in the Club by many members of both the Upper and Lower Sixth Form. These keen enthusiasts have learnt much by the talks given by Mr. Dickinson and Mrs. Matthews of Slough Bridge Club. A few of our members have played at Slough Bridge Club with varying degrees of success.

Our thanks must go to Mr. Dickinson for providing duplicate boards and table movements as well as giving much of his spare time in the running of the Club. It is hoped that future members will keep up the good standard of play that has already been achieved.

P. J. DERKS (Secretary).

HOUSE NOTES

GRAY HOUSE

Senior House Master: K. F. Colombo.

House Captain: R. M. Monks.

Vice-Captain: P. A. Taylor.

Games Captain: R. E. Dearlove.

Athletics Captain: R. Stevens.

House Prefects: Duff, M. J. H., Green, M. J., Stephens, R., Donaldson, B., Grimwood, P. D.

Gray House has shown that it is an excellent example of keen House spirit. This was mirrored in the magnificent result of being a clear two-hundred standard points ahead of any other House when we entered the field on Sports Day, last year. Such an achievement could only have been possible by the cohesion of all years, the joint effort of pulling and working together in a corporate body, in the task set before us. Only lack of individual talent prevented the presentation of the Sports' Shield to Gray.

In the Academic Field our record has been much more successful. P. A. Taylor gained the School's only State scholarship. While the number of boys who gained distinctions or very creditable results was surprisingly large, and this is by no means confined to Sixth Form results in 'A' level examinations, for the Fifth Form members of the House produced a fine effort in the 'O' level.

This year House Teams have met with considerable success, winning the Inter-House Football and Cross-Country Running Competitions. Here again, Lower and Middle School matched the efforts of the Seniors. We were represented in both heat and final of the Inter-House Debate by J. P. J. Eyre and A. G. Oliver, and only a narrow margin made the House runners-up for the second year in succession.

We are honoured to have as our House leaders two School Deputy-Head Boys, R. M. Monks and P. A. Taylor, and, as our Games Captain, the School's First Soccer XI captain, R. E. Dearlove. Also worthy of note are M. Bell of the Third Form, who has been a regular member of the District under 15 Soccer XI, Captain of the under 14 Soccer XI, and has played for the Bucks., Berks and Oxon under 15 Soccer XI; R. Kelly of the Fifth Form, who last year proved to be an outstanding tennis player, and R. Stevens, who came third in the 110 yds. Hurdles at the All-England Meeting. J. B. Mearns of the Sixth Form gained the honour of beating the Buck's Chess Champion at the Slough Community Centre during the National Chess Week.

At the end of the school year we said farewell to many members of the House including our House-captain, Charles Tyrie, who is now studying for an Honours Degree in Engineering at Birmingham University. Others were J. Bayford (A firm of Solicitors); G. Bradley (Encol Furniture Co.); P. Clay (Sales Engineering Apprenticeship, Rheostatic Ltd.); J. Fowler (Honours Degree in Chemistry at Battersea College of Technology); D. R. Holdford (Royal Veterinary College of London); W. Thorne (Road Research Laboratory); N. Wakeham (A firm of Architects, London).

Finally, we should like to thank our House-masters, particularly Mr. Colombo, and all those who have so willingly given their time in the service of the House.

M. J. GREEN.

HAMPDEN HOUSE

Senior House Master: Mr. R. Vivash.

House Captain: K. Butler.

Vice-Captain: M. Head.

Games Captain: K. Wallis.

Athletics Captain: C. Doyle.

House Prefects: J. Pape, M. Billington, J. Field, C. Marshall, W. Rundle, N. Taylor.

Once again we can look back on a very successful year, both in academic and athletic achievement. The highlight of the year was, undoubtedly, the winning of the Old Paludians' Shield for the third year in succession.

At the end of the Summer Term many members of the Fifth and Sixth Forms left us, either to further their education or to start earning a living. Among these was last year's School Captain and House Captain, T. Knight, who went to Bristol University to read Economics. His diligence and enthusiasm in all spheres of School life, were a credit to our House. Other members now at university or college include F. Davey, last year's Vice-Captain, (Leeds), W. Hardy (Liverpool), K. Robey (Leeds), R. Burrell (Battersea C.A.T.), N. Collins (Culham T.C.). Other Six Form leavers were: R. Ashley (Insurance), C. Lewis (Insurance), J. McGlinchey (Merchant Navy), A. Richardson (Insurance), R. Stanger (I.C.I.), W. Thomas (Sandwich Course, Bristol). We wish them all the best of luck!

In sport we have gained a fine reputation. We retained the Johnson Cup by winning the Inter-House Athletics Championship, thanks largely to some outstanding individual effort in Class I and to the combined effort of Class III, who won the Cup for their age-group. This augurs well for the future. In the Football 1st XI we were represented by K. Butler, K. Wallis and R. Hanningan; T. Knight, K. Butler, K. Wallis and J. Ford played for the Cricket 1st XI; C. Doyle, J. Field and A. Smyth played in the Rugby XV; M. Stenning was a member of the Hockey team; and R. Hill, K. Wallis and C. Doyle ran in the Cross-Country Team. We can also congratulate M. Head on winning the Bucks. A.A.A. High Jump and on equalling the record.

In addition to this, we were honoured by the choice of V. Tong as Head Boy. Not only has he carried out this responsible, exacting duty conscientiously, but also done much for charity as secretary of the S.C.M.

Just before Speech Day our Sixth Form presented the School with the Todd Memorial Cup in memory of our late Senior House Master, Mr. H. C. Todd. This Cup will be presented annually to the person submitting the best piece of original poetry to the School Magazine. I would like to take the opportunity of thanking all those who donated so generously towards it.

We also have to thank the members of the Staff who have spent so much time in our House activities.

In spite of the success of the past year, there is no room for complacency. We must continually strive to improve our standards, for reputation, slowly built up through many year's hard work, can quickly fade.

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During the year, we were grieved by the death of Mr. A. G. Davies, who showed interest in the House in his early days in the School.

K. B.

HERSCHEL HOUSE

Senior House Master: Mr. J. Wharmby.
House Captain: A. E. Alderman.
House Vice-Captain: R. J. Whitaker.
Games Captain: K. M. Lane.

To begin with athletic achievements, last Summer was the second consecutive year in which we were runners-up on Sports Day, a few points only behind the winners.

Once again, we were weakened by the absence of one of our main athletes. Apart from our usual nucleus of senior athletes who won the Trophy for gaining most points in Class I, we must congratulate I. Taylor for his success in Class II and A. Johnson in Class III. The former, together with I. Hodgson, were chosen to represent Bucks. in the All-England Inter-County Championships, I. Taylor breaking the County Javelin Record in his first year in the age group. Special mention must be made of last year's Fifth Form group, who in gaining Standard points reached the astonishing average of 22 points per person. This fine example must be emulated by the whole House, if we are to do well in Standard points. For Standard points represent the House's true athletic strength.

We have had mixed success in other sports competitions. We were victorious in the House Cricket Competition (last year) and this year in the Basket-ball. We were second in the Cross-Country, where credit must be given to the Intermediates who won their group.

We have provided: A. Alderman as School Vice-Captain and Athletics Captain, R. Davies as Rugby Captain and K. Lane, Basket-ball Captain; and P. Griffiths was awarded the Swimming Championship Challenge Cup. P. Read and I. Hodgson were honoured in being chosen to play for the Berks. and Bucks. County Grammar Schools' Football eleven.

On the academic side this House has also been successful. Our former House Captain, K. S. Halstead, left us to continue his studies at London University, and we hope that he will serve his college as well as he did the House and School. Several other ex-members of our House are now at Universities and Training Colleges: our former Vice-Captain, K. Martin (Battersea Polytechnic); G. Dalton (Battersea Polytechnic); M. Hanson (Battersea Polytechnic); A. M. Johnson (University College, London); D. Freeth (King's College, London); G. Oliver (Regent's Street Polytechnic); A. de Burton (Manchester); P. Faulkner (Liverpool); I. J. Lindop, R. Greenfield (Portsmouth) and G. Ayre (Cranwell).

Finally, we wish to thank all those who have given of their time and energy in the service of the House and congratulate them on the results achieved. And to get back to the present, let us hope that the improvement of the last two years will continue and give rise to even greater success.

A. E. ALDERMAN.

MILTON HOUSE

Senior House Master: Mr. W. J. Wall.
House Captain: D. Smith.
Vice-Captain: G. Winfield.
Secretary: G. H. Taylor.
Athletics: L. Greenaway.
Football: R. Dowding.
House Prefects: P. Spooner, J. E. Ford, L. Greenaway,
 J. Ridgley, J. Hellmuth.

Our special strength last year lay in our Senior Section. We opened this year without, in particular, our two leaders in House and School Games: B. Deuchar and M. Holliday. To them, and to all who have now embarked on their University or industrial careers, the whole House is grateful.

New officials took up the reins and the journey through the year has proceeded smoothly. Perhaps there is still a little whipping up to be done here and there—the House demands active support from every individual in it, if it is to recapture its past glories.

We have fared reasonably well in House Games, been well represented in School teams, set the pace in photography, music and other activities; D. Smith and C. Benton scored an important success in winning the Inter-House Debating contest.

The Sixth Form had an agreeable evening at a London theatre at Christmas, with friends from the High School.

Now the Sports are upon us and members of all Groups must understand that any success we achieve must come through hard and co-operative effort. Milton's place is indubitably at the top: if every boy gives his strong support, in the true Miltonic tradition, then any awards Milton may have lost will be regained.

We wish to record our appreciation of the efforts of all the House Masters.

At the moment, then, it is a case of 'reculer pour mieux sauter'; next year we confidently expect a high degree of achievement.

W. J. W.

INTER-HOUSE GAMES

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| Athletics (1960) | | | |
| 1st—Hampden | 270 points | 2nd—Herschel | 264 points |
| 3rd—Gray | 243 points | 4th—Milton | 213 points |

Winners in each class:
 Class I —Herschel.
 Class II —Gray.
 Class III—Hampden.

CRICKET (1960)

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| 1st—Herschel | (Won 3; Lost 0) |
| 2nd—Hampden | (Won 2; Lost 1) |
| 3rd—Milton | (Won 1; Lost 2) |
| 4th—Gray | (Won 0; Lost 3) |

FOOTBALL

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| 1st—Gray | (Won 10; Drew 5; Lost 3; Points 25) |
| 2nd—Milton | (Won 8; Drew 2; Lost 8; Points 18) |
| 3rd—Hampden | (Won 6; Drew 5; Lost 7; Points 17) |
| 4th—Herschel | (Won 6; Drew 3; Lost 9; Points 15) |

CROSS COUNTRY

| Senior | | Intermediate | |
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| 1st—Gray | (162 points) | Herschel | (194 points) |
| 2nd—Hampden | (247 points) | Gray | (223 points) |
| 3rd—Herschel | (355 points) | Milton | (347 points) |
| 4th—Milton | (431 points) | Hampden | (480 points) |

Junior

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| 1st—Gray | (252 points) |
| 2nd—Herschel | (285 points) |
| 3rd—Hampden | (297 points) |
| 4th—Milton | (366 points) |

1st—Gray (537 points); 2nd—Herschel (834 points); 3rd—Hampden (1,024 points); 4th—Milton (1,144 points).

For the Cross Country Championship, a Cup has been graciously presented by Mr. W. J. Sands.

BASKETBALL (Knock-out Competition)

Winners: Herschel. Runners Up: Gray.

A SCHOOL ANTHOLOGY

DESERT ISLAND DISH;
OR THE TALE OF THE UNUSED TUREEN

The British Minister at Tokoraccas
was urgently in want of a new cook.
The servants that he had were quite as black as
soot; ne'er eating else but breadfruit, and they took
no pride in culinary art. No jack-ass
in all the crowd could roast, by hook or crook,
or boil or bake, or fry or barbecue,
—they were in fact, too stupid e'en to stew.

And so he wrote to a good-natured friend
and told him of the nature of his look out,
imploping him without delay to send—
by the next boat, in short,—a clever cook out.
And further his attention to extend
to see that all the requisites he took out;
but most of all, to choose a cook superior
to be the Minister for *his* Interior!

Quite soon a cook was found and sent on board,
with pots and pans and kettles large and platters;
in fact, the vessel's hold was but a hoard
of twenty thousand culinary matters.

A *cordon bleu* the cook was, and a Frenchman,
who never understood it as his part
to stuff with solids, or with slops to drench man,
but to make eating truly a 'fine art'.

Well! the ship sailed. Her course by chart or map ta'en
was sou'-sou' west, wind chopping, weather bad.
Our friend, the cook, made omelettes for the Captain,
who was delighted that our hero had
on board his ship 'a passage by good hap ta'en:

the Captain was a very jovial dog,
and gave himself entirely up to feeding;
whereby he did not rightly keep his log,
and of his reckoning was all unheeding.
When the sea began its rolling
and the ship went forward, bowling
all the passengers, so frightened,
off their feet, their faces whitened—
poor sinners,
their dinners
and their sup-
-ers they brought up!

And when at last there came a thick fog
he did not know which way the ship was speeding,
and when the Captain thought them miles from dry land
the vessel drove upon a desert island.

A desert island truly! When in boats
the sailors landed, they found no live things there!
No rats, no mice, no rabbits, and no goats;
there were no kiwis (that's birds without wings) there;
no creatures wild—and therefore no wild cats—
there were no sticklebacks e'en in the springs there.

What made the matter worse was that the wreck
sank with her cargo in the quicksands shifting:
one case alone, which stood upon her deck,
shoreward upon the flowing tide came drifting:
they broke it open gladly—what a check
their joy received, when, on the lid uplifting
they saw 'twas full of saucepans, pots and kettles.
But how could they subsist on just base metals?

With hunger urged on by the sight of pots,
each began crying out for food, poor sinner!
So somebody suggested drawing lots
to find out which should stand the others dinner:
—not thereby meaning who should pay their bill,
but who should their hungry stomachs fill!

The lots were cast—the lottery not long was,
the tickets and the drawers being few.
The cook was fated, since his luck the wrong was,
to form—not cook—the dinner for the crew.
He knelt and sued—his pleading very strong was,
but what it meant, not one among them knew;
And all supposed 'twas fear that animated him,
until the Captain, knowing French, translated him.

And how his fancy proved to be a strange one!
 He not the very least objection saw
 to being cooked—not cooking for a change. One
 sole wish had he: they would not eat him raw,
 —'twould be to waste a dinner! He'd arrange one—
 if they would but allow him so much law—
 with lots of courses and the rarest dishes.
 He prayed they'd grant this last of all his wishes!

They straight agreed, and gave him till next day
 to get his garnishing, and sauce, and gravy.
 They knew he had no chance to run away
 because his bounds were very straight, though wave-y.

And he set forth the banquet to purvey,
 as though he were purveyor to the Navy;
 And first a pile of weed, and moss, and lichen made,
 assisted by the cabin-boy, as kitchen-maid.

Next he drew up the following

MENUE

Purée de Chef. Cooktek au naturel.
 Tête de Français enchoue en tortue.
 Filet de l'Homme à la maitre d'hotel.
 Moi-même aux truffes. Croquettes de Cordon Bleu.
 Oreilles, bien rôties de Monsieur Chamel.
 Côtelettes de Cuisinier à mayonnaise.

Serving himself out thus in various ways.

Lastly he taught the bo'sun how to dress
 the several dishes which you read the names of;
 with full directions for each savoury mess,
 and all so clear there was to need to guess
 even the least ingredients the aims of.

Then showing him the garnish to embellish him,
 he thanked his stars such appetites would relish him!

Now going back, he fell upon his knees, and
 declared himself prepared... he did not quail!
 But—as the knife was ready at his weasnad—
 a cry arrested it. It was a hail
 from somebody a-roaming on the sea-sand
 who'd seen—and signalled to—a distant sail,
 belonging to a clipper from St. Mary's,
 laden with rich tea, bound for the Canaries.

As captives, long shut out from air and sun,
 welcome their unexpected freedom madly,
 so with a shout the shipwrecked sailors run
 to meet their rescuers—all hail them gladly.
 'All', did I say? I was in error. One
 appeared to look upon the matter sadly
 and loitered near the implements of cookery.



Linocut by K. Robertson (4 C)

It was the cook! His eyes with tears o'er-brimming,
dropped needless salt into the bubbling pot,
which, absentmindedly, he kept on skimming,
although the broth such tending wanted not.
And then he saw how some of them were swimming—
and some already to the boats had got,—
and sighed: 'The fools! to miss so rare a treat!
They do not know how good I am to eat!'

Then down he wandered slowly to the shore,
and waded out knee-deep into the brine,
wishing—yet scarcely daring—to implore
the rescued seamen to come back and dine.
Yet long hours after, while the vessel bore
them far away, he couldn't but repine,
and sighed, while pointing to the island small,
'You should much best have eat me after all!'

Before I say farewell, I must hold back, as
I have forgot entirely to mention
The British Minister at Tokoraccas
and how he suffered from his cook's detention.
Well, of the cook he did not feel the lack, as
his native neighbours voted in convention,
not asking them to dinner was his whim—
so asked themselves to dinner, and ate him!

IAN D. STUART (U VI).

BLenheim PALACE

At about eleven o'clock one sunny April morning, three motor-cycles in close formation, shattered the peace of the little town of Woodstock in Oxfordshire. After fifty miles of open road and beautiful countryside, we had arrived at one of Britain's most stately homes, Blenheim Palace. In order not to ruin the attitude of awe and admiration which one is obliged to display when viewing a stately home, we decided to leave our machines in the town, and to walk up the broad, half-mile long drive. After a long dispute with the gate-keeper, in an attempt to get in as school children, we gave up and paid the rather excessive entrance fee with a firm resolution to get our money's worth.

The main entrance to the estate is kept closed except for Royal visitors, with the result that the main approach is to the side of one of the wings, though even this is impressive enough. Above the huge gateway an inscription tells all the visitors that the Palace was designed by Sir John Vanbrugh, and built by Queen Anne for the first Duke of Marlborough in recognition of his services to the Country.

The feature that strikes any visitor at first sight, and we were no exception, is the colossal scale on which the whole Palace and its grounds seem to be built. It is as if the chief aim of the designer was to impress and overawe, as indeed it was, for as a place of comfortable residence the Palace is almost unacceptable.

The plan of the building is beautifully symmetrical. The main drive passes first over a hill, on top of which stands a memorial column to the first Duke. On either side of the hill about one hundred and thirty feet

below, stretch the broad waters of a magnificent natural lake which winds round the Palace from the north west to the south. The drive, following an absolutely straight line, then passes over a narrow part of the lake by means of a single-arch, stone bridge and leads up to the huge wrought-iron main gates. From these, the most magnificent view of the Palace and the true architectural beauty of its design can be appreciated. The vast main entrance is recessed right back with the two huge wings on either side giving a wonderful impression of depth and space to the entire building. There are some fifty steps leading up to the main doorway, on either side of which stand two immensely tall columns. Some forty feet above the threshold, at the top of the columns, several strangely painted eyes glare down at all who pass beneath. Not even the most pompous person could fail to be impressed by the grandeur of the Palace. The size of the building is even more evident when it is realised that most of it is only a single storey.

For some curious reason we appeared to be the only visitors to the Palace, and we were greeted, somewhat austere, by a distinguished-looking gentleman at the door. He informed us that a guide was waiting in a nearby room, with a small group of other people, about to begin a conducted tour of the interior. We walked slowly along the red plush carpets and gazed with awe and wonder at the magnificently painted ceilings, far above us, at the tapestries and weapons decorating the walls, and at the beautiful furniture around us, though many of the chairs were in sad need of renovation, as indeed was much of the exterior plasterwork of the building. We passed through the room in which Sir Winston Churchill was born, and after a little wandering found the room in which the guide was waiting. She cast a stern look of disapproval at the array of crash-helmets, which were, we had to admit, a little out of harmony with their surroundings, and proceeded to begin the tour.

The ceilings, we learned, were designed by Lord Hawksmoore, and many of the family portraits were by Sir Joshua Reynolds. We could not but admire the magnificent tapestries, the beautiful statues of white marble and bronze, and the fire-places. The most impressive of all the rooms was the library, which faces south, overlooking beautiful ornamental gardens and the lake far below. It is, perhaps, the only really light room in the Palace and a refreshing change from the rather dim light of the other rooms. The bookshelves are of white marble and the gold-bound volumes of the histories of all the counties of England lie behind a protective bronze lattice. At one end of the room stands a huge organ, the pipes of which are made of pure tin and as a result gleam like silver. Despite repeated requests, we were not allowed to play it.

The tour ended in the family chapel, now rarely used, which is a pleasant building, under which lies the family vault. There are many statues of the early Dukes and their families, in white marble and more family portraits around the walls. At the entrance to the chapel stands a box for donations to the guide fund, into which, in a moment of generosity, we placed a few coppers, earning us a grudging acknowledgement from the guide. It was with great relief that we breathed fresh air again outside, but for some time we could not entirely throw off the spell of awe which the Palace had put on us.

We walked down to the lakeside and had a little very necessary refreshment, during which we studied the Palace above us and the wild life of the lake with a pair of binoculars. We had intended to walk round the park a little, but already time was pressing and the weather, which had been growing increasingly ominous, did not look promising. We climbed up the bank, and after one last long look of admiration, we set off down the drive back to a rather unimpressive Slough.

M. C. K. (L. VI).

THROUGH THE CHEDDAR GORGE

From a distance the Cheddar Gorge appears as a small and insignificant crack in the smooth skyline of the Mendip Hills. But when we arrived, after passing the ancient hunting lodge at Axbridge and through the village of Cheddar itself, our vision of a small crack was soon shattered.

On that particular day, the sun was beating down, and the creepers, hanging from their dizzy heights, were barely managing to swing in the idle breeze. The noise and bustle was tremendous. The gaily painted cheese stalls wore huge notice boards advertising 'Original Home-made Cheddar Cheese.' The cheeses were sold in all sizes and the yellow pyramids, often complemented by a smaller pyramid of red tomatoes, looked inviting.

Our car was in the long line of slowly-moving vehicles creeping past the coaches lining the narrow road which runs through the Cheddar Gorge. Quickly we parked and climbed out to view the cliffs. At first sight the cliffs seem gigantic, and a dull gray colour, but after a few seconds, their full splendour hits you. They are still gigantic, of monstrous size, and dull gray, but with patches of pale blue mottled with green and black. The huge cliffs, stood tall and high, letting in only a tiny slit of light on to the road.

After standing for a few minutes to admire the cliffs, we walked along the crowded pavement to see the much-famed caves. We walked past Cox's cave, for we had been advised to go to the Gough's cave, which, we were told, was much larger. As we climbed the wide steps up to the entrance terrace of Gough's cave, our attention was caught by a huge goldfish pool, which commanded the larger central part of the terrace. This pool was lined with smooth blue tiles, and was filled with clear water, which contained about a hundred goldfish. These were not all gold, for some were black, some red, but no matter what their colour they were extremely beautiful. Occasionally, the gentle breeze made ripples on the surface. The fish would flick their fins, and glide gracefully away. Ignoring the notices warning people not to touch the fish, we leant over the side and dipped our hands into the water, which was surprisingly cold. We left the pool to further our exploration, paid our entrance fee, and walked into the cave to await the arrival of the guide.

The cool, dark interior of the cave after the hot, noisy bustle outside was very refreshing, even if it was a little eerie. The guide came up to us and led us further into the caves. The things that struck me first were the massive stalagmites and stalactites, most of which were nearly joined together. The guide pointed these out, together with the huge natural pillars and domes, his voice ringing out against the ever-active background noise of water, dripping into the many pools and crevices in the cave. We walked up slimy steps to see the less obvious but wonderful formations of the tiny holes in the walls. Last of all, we saw a huge and most beautiful lime formation. Twenty or so gigantic stalagmites had grown up to meet the stalactites. This formation, which had taken millions of years to grow, was ingeniously lit, and created a most awe-inspiring sight.

At last it was time to leave the caves and go right through the Gorge. We collected our car, and drove back past the caves, right into the Gorge. There was one place where some of the cliff had fallen down. Just in front of it, there was some grass, so we parked again and ate our lunch, watching all the people of different nationalities walking about. There were coaches containing French, German, American, Italian, English and Spanish sightseers. After lunch we climbed on the broken rocks behind us. Then we got back in the car, and drove round the famous 'Horseshoe Bend' and out into the sunlight and spaciousness of the open countryside.

As we drove away the marvellous Cheddar Gorge became more and more like a small and insignificant crack in the smooth skyline of the Mendip Hills.

A. MORTON (I B.)

THREE, FIRST ATTEMPTS AT SONNETS

(1)

THE OLD CASTLE

A granite milestone in the path of time
She stands, half drowned in mist which swirls throughout
Her once proud halls; where scurrying about
Go rats and mice; where once, with food and wine
Went page-boys to the tables, where would dine
Great Knights and Ladies; while echoing about
Went jester's merry song and rhyme and shout.
But now we see her after her decline.
Nature's tireless siege has left its mark
Upon her once proud walls, now cracked and stained
Throughout her roofless halls, her crumbling arch;
The echoes of the trumpets wild alarms
The clatter of the running men at arms
Still lingers on: forever to remain.

R. A. WILLSON (IVc).

(2)

THE CHANGING THAMES IN LONDON

There is a river, which in days gone by,
Saw many a ship sail in from distant parts,
On which the sailors stood with joyous hearts,
While rigging strained upon the masts so high.
Upon this river many ships did lie,
While on the banks the merchants filled their carts,
With goods that would be sold in famous marts,
By men who added their's to London's cry.
But now that river's changed beyond compare,
A river spoilt by modern man's desire
For buildings tall, and scattered here and there
Gigantic cranes which dwarf the tallest spire,
Stand, stretching skywards, stiff, relentless, grey,
While bigger ships go ploughing on their way.

P. STILES (IVc).

(3)

THE CASTLE

Upon a hill a lonely castle stands,
And seems to brood upon her distant past.
Her battles now are done! There's peace at last,
Her noble lords sleep sound in their fairlands.
So strongly built that she the years withstands,
Her ancient crenellated walls stand fast,
She sees once more her glorious armies vast.
Her halls re-echo to her sire's commands.
Could she be grey Caernarvon or Conway?
Or Glamis, where lived Macbeth of evil fame
Or Edinburgh or Windsor, centuries old?
Or Holyrood who's famous still to-day
As when foul murder stained her glorious name?
By names like these our Island's history's told.

R. F. FOWLE (IV B.).

NIGERIA, 1960

I left London Airport, on board a Britannia aircraft, on a wet and foggy December evening, to fly over three thousand miles to the newly independent Federation of Nigeria.

The first stop was at Rome, and, as we approached, a magnificent display of coloured lights stretched as far as the eye could see. Unfortunately, the stop was short, and after the aircraft had been refuelled I was on my way once again.

I flew on through the night, out over the Mediterranean Sea and across the Sahara Desert to Kano Airport. Kano is situated in the semi-desert area of the Northern Province of Nigeria, and is the site of the famous walled city. Here I was very surprised to be greeted by a cold wind, although I was by now in the tropics. However, after a brief stop I was off again bound for Lagos.

I arrived at Lagos several hours late and consequently missed my connection, but I was pleased to hear that there wasn't another flight until the following morning, because this meant I had a full day to look around Lagos and see the differences that Independence had made.

After a short rest and a meal, I began to explore Lagos. I noticed many new local Ministerial office blocks, shops, and roads and bridges. The development however, seemed to have been kept strictly to the main roads, and behind this façade were the slum areas in which the African population must live, until they go to work (if they are lucky) in the glass and metal 'boxes' in the—'Better part of the town'.

In the African residential areas, it was a unique sight to see the 'local industry'. Here, craftsmen carve magnificent ebony figures, ivory goods, and beat silver and brass into ornaments covered with the most intricate designs. The tools they use are very primitive, often a variety of knives and nails, but their results are superb.

To celebrate Independence, Lagos built a magnificent hotel named appropriately 'The Independence Hotel'. It is air-conditioned throughout with everything a hotel should have, but it is rather incongruous that the charges are far too high for the average African, and the beds and dances are generally attended by Europeans with 'expense accounts'.

By now it was mid-day and very hot (about 90 deg.) and the humidity was very oppressive, so I hailed a taxi and asked the very friendly African driver to take me back to my hotel. We drove back in the rush hour, and I noticed the enormous number of bicycles and remarked about this to the driver. He replied: 'Bicycle be number one wife!' However, time was running short, and after a hectic evening out I was back at the airport as a very weary passenger to Benin City.

The flight only lasted an hour and after meeting my parents I drove off for Sapele, which was my final destination.

We drove along incredible roads avoiding swamp, goats and enormous holes. We passed many native villages, consisting of a few mud huts in a forest clearing. Every village sells fruit which grows in vast quantity in the surrounding bush.

After the car ride I had to cross a river in an African canoe, and this can be a very hazardous experience. The dug-out had only two inches free board and in the bottom slopped six inches of water which had seeped through the numerous cracks. However, I survived, and eventually arrived at the house which was to be my home for the next few weeks.

Sapele is situated in the heavily forested delta of the Niger river and insect life is abundant. Black soldier ants and every kind of biting insect seem to live there. There are also numerous multi-coloured lizards. It was with a certain amount of trepidation that I climbed into my bed on my first night, fully expecting to be awakened by a snake, or to be eaten alive by ants.

During my stay I went into the bush to see the tree felling which is all done by hand. My host, who was an 'old coaster', used his spare time to collect animals, which he sent to Paignton Zoo, and he had a wonderful assortment all ready for shipment when I arrived.

On another occasion I was taken around the African market in Sapele. It consists of numerous tiny stalls packed tightly together over a very large area of uneven ground. The stalls sell everything under the sun, from bangles made in Birmingham to Japanese silk and local goods. Unfortunately, the variety of goods is surpassed by the variety of smells, which are not exotic, to say the least. As I left I saw a baleful Ferlani cow tethered at the local meat stall, watching its poor companion being butchered, and sold in various joints.

No sooner had we left than it began to rain. Tropical rainfall is very heavy, and is often accompanied by high winds, thunder and lightning, and combined together they can be very frightening. Rain can often be so heavy that visibility is limited, and cars must travel very slowly with their headlights on as a safety precaution.

I spent many happy days and nights in Sapele, and was very loath to leave when my time came, all too soon, and with fond farewells I left to travel back to England. I arrived at London Airport to be welcomed by a frosty blast and a rainstorm, a peculiar contrast to the heat and humidity which I had left only eleven hours earlier.

G. TAYLOR (U. VI).

IN THE MIST

'Tis strange to wander in the mist!
Each bush and pebble is alone,
No tree can see another tree,
Each is on its own.

For me the world was full of friends,
When still my life was always light
But now the mist is coming down,
There's not a friend in sight.

No one can really understand
Whom darkness ne'er oppressed,
Which slowly and inevitably
Divides him from the rest.

'Tis strange to wander in the mist!
To live is but to be alone.
Nobody knows another soul,
Each is on his own.

Translation of Herman Hesse's 'Im Nebel'
by K. BUTLER (U. VI).

THE FOG

The fog drifted down in hazy sheets,
Covering the houses, the shops and streets.
Slowly, slowly it covered the town,
Drifting, drifting, down and down.

Headlamps of cars forged through the haze,
Setting pedestrians' eyes agaze.
Staggering carefully through the smog,
They hopefully wished the last of the fog.

C. GAMBLE (I B).



Linocut by A. Lizka (3 B)

A FALSE IDEOLOGY

Several Sundays ago I had the disturbing experience of hearing, from the pulpit, the leaders of this country being compared unfavourably with Adolph Hitler. They were being accused of attempting, by their retention of nuclear arms to exterminate civilisation as the Nazis had attempted to solve the 'Jewish problem'. A gross exaggeration perhaps, but still an unpleasant trend. In these times when groups of naïve, yet doubtless well-intentioned, people can attract all the publicity of press and broadcasting services to their public demonstrations against nuclear arms, it is about time that people—ordinary people, not wicked perpetrators of mass destruction—let them and the world see that these demonstrations do not reflect British opinion.

However foolishly and badly the Conservative government handles its economic and home affairs, it is undoubtedly right in the pursuance of its duty to defend this country and the free world.

The 'hydrogen bomb' is not intended as a weapon of war, it is a deterrent. Whilst there is a balance of power between the forces of East and West, it is far more probable that a stable and secure situation will exist than if the West were to disarm unilaterally. Disarmament, controlled disarmament, is obviously a most desirable thing, but to disarm without making provisions for the defence of the country would constitute treason and treachery on the part of any government.

It is no good proposing that we should disarm unilaterally, for, as it were, our conscience's sake, and then shelter under the wing of America. It would achieve nothing. Granted we are no longer a great power, but we can at present mediate between the great powers from our position of strength. We can, from this position, guide, help and be partially responsible for the world situation. This cannot be achieved from a position of weakness. To abstain from this responsibility would aggravate rather than calm the world situation and would be a sign, not of moral strength, but of moral weakness.

D. A. TAYLOR (Upper VI).

THE DEATH THAT COMES BY NIGHT

For an hour the young lioness had been quietly burrowing under and through the ten feet high wall of thorns, that protected the native kraal. The night was dark and bitter with the freezing, soft drizzle of spring rains that had come too early—a night when humans keep close to smoky, half-drowned fires. Man was a new experience to her, and the medley of strange smells confused her and filled her with strange fears; but always desperation drove her on. It was strange and repellent, hateful, yet terrifying. Somewhere in the back of her crude mind it awakened an age-old terror, an instinctive awareness that the man thing meant death.

Her need was great. Her scrawny, tawny coat hung loose on her gaunt bony skeleton, and her proud young strength was vanishing fast. For a long time now she had eaten nothing but rats and field-mice, and very few of those.

Worst of all, her three cubs, hidden a mile away, were slowly perishing from hunger. In a day or two without food they would die. Crouching low in the thorns she thought of them starving, lying forlornly in the rain, and she attacked the rain sodden thorn with new determination. The last few twigs parted; she was through.

Slowly and silently as the beat of an owl's wing, she edged away into the shadow of a tree in the kraal yard, and padded towards the nearest hut. Tentatively she touched the door with a paw; it moved slightly. She touched it again, pressing a little. The stick, that had been carelessly jammed

against it to keep it shut, fell away and dropped; the noise echoed through the night. For a moment she panicked, crouching low, ready to flee into the night. Nothing stirred.

She put her head into the doorway and stopped again. Inside was as dark as a thicket on a moonless night. The man-scent was over-poweringly strong now, and the dark walls closed in like a trap. Vague suspicions increased her fear.

She advanced. The black woolly head lay almost beneath her jaws. One arm flung wide of the blankets exposed the man's soft, black throat. A single bite would be enough to quieten this puny being. One bite, and she could be gone with it into the bush...

She did not feel the shot that struck her in the head.

DAVID PRATT (V A).



THE PERPETUAL POTATO PICKING MACHINE

This machine, which may be kept in a reasonably large garage, runs on its own potato peelings and cost absolutely nothing to use.

The potato picker will pick 175 acres of potatoes in a day and the eyes alone from a day's picking fill two dustbins. It has a weight of 30 tons and an overall length of 25 ft. 7 ins. (including blades in lowered position) and a width of 3 yards. It will run for 3 hours on its own reservoir holding 5 cwt. The cost is £790.10.6. and hood for driver (if required) £7.6.0. Extra blades: 15/9 a pair. All the 200 ft. of conveyor belt in this machine is renewable free of charge within a 6 month guarantee.

Although this is a prototype, we hope to go into constant production in the very near future.

H. J. FIELD (3 B).

LE VIEUX VAGABOND

Dans les rues désertes on n'entend aucun bruit
Et la Tamise suit son silencieux cours,
Lorsque de Westminster voisin sonne minuit
Annonçant impassiblement le nouveau jour.

A la belle étoile sur un dur banc rouillé
Est étendu un vieux vagabond solitaire,
Bien enveloppé dans un pardessus souillé,
Et heureux que la ville commence à se taire.

Londres est toujours une ville indifférente,
Surtout indifférente lorsque tout y dort
Pendant la longue nuit de froideur pénétrante.

Le vagabond dort tranquillement comme un mort,
Rêvant d'un autre monde où n'est que la bonté.
Il est vraiment content: il a sa liberté.

K. BUTLER (U. VI).

LE VIEILLARD

On voit au coteau du vallon
De la rivière Ognon,
Une petite hutte isolée
Où habite un homme bien âgé.

Le vieillard s'est assis à l'ombre
Devant sa petite hutte sombre
Le temps a presque usé
Sa contenance sillonnée.

Des yeux las il parcourt le monde,
Ou contemple sa vie féconde,
Et se rappelle la richesse,
L'éloignement de sa jeunesse.

Tristement il songe à ses amis,
Tristement il se souvient de sa famille,
Il y a longtemps passée aux cieux,
Il ne reste que ce vieux.

B. ATTOCK (L. VI).

A MATTER OF THE HEART

The mansion stood serenely erect near the copse of pine trees, with elongated Georgian façade, majestically glowing against a contrast of red brick. Its windows shone as if sprinkled with scintillating gold dust, as the evening sun retired over the curved horizon. The chimneys were short, hidden behind the roofing, as if hiding in shame from the magnificence of the rest of the building, for they were for use and not for ornamentation. The mustard-coloured drive swept graciously up to the entrance which was flanked by statues of dragons with knife-like teeth and long, spindly wings.

Inside, the maid, named Agatha, scurried around the kitchen with a mixture of cooking utensils in her broadly-cleft hands, rushing to the sink and cluttering it with spoons and dishes.



'Ah, well, 'tis always a first time in milady's life—yea, there's always a first time!' she muttered as she worked. 'Tis a true shame that Miss Elizabeth be leaving us. Her mother will be sorrowful, but her betrothed is a good man, he is a good man.'

The basilica was prepared. The servant girls were assembling the furniture and the two flunkies were placing the golden punch bowls on the buffet stands of ivory and gold. Sweetmeats were to be seen in their thousands, all arranged on large silver salvers with large goblets nearly ready for the filling, and in a short time everything was ready awaiting the flambouyancy of the guests.

Elizabeth was still in her room as her mother, the Marchioness glided down the impressive stairway, cloaked in an outfit of golden brocade pannier, and clasping a silver, feather fan. While her presence was being accepted by the flunkies, an elderly man, dressed in a striped satin coat and grey breeches, walked sedately down after her.

'My dear,' he said quietly, 'are you sure you're willing for Elizabeth to marry this lawyer fellow, eh?'

'Oh, Edward, darling, you know we must let her get married some time. Remember the last one she had? He was a no-gooder and that's flat! I don't care what our feelings are; as long as Elizabeth is happy, we are! Now, Edward, let's go and welcome our guests. Oh, good heavens! there's that awful Madame Fauntelroy. Now, who would have the nerve to ask her? Look at her—dressed in all those feathers and brocades! Still, I suppose we'll have to go and welcome her—the old cat!'

When everyone was there, all munching the hors d'oeuvres and sweetmeats, a fanfare was to be heard above the chattering of the guests, which soon ceased. Out of her boudoir at the top of the stairs, a figure immaculate

came, clad in white taffeta and silver lamé. This was Elizabeth, betrothed to John Stevens, K.C., who was awaiting her at the bottom of the stairs. 'John, darling!' she cried, and, clasping her sumptuous gown, she rushed to the foot of the velvet-clad stairs and hugged him with ecstasy. 'John, darling, I'm so surprised. I haven't seen you for six months. Where have you been?'

'Oh, Elizabeth, my love, you look wonderful tonight.'

'So do you—but where have you been these six, long months?'

'Only on a short trip to France. I'm sorry I didn't let you know, but let's not talk about that. Come, shall we join the guests?'

While everyone was congratulating them after the announcement of their wedding, a knock was heard at the door. Agatha opened it.

'Agh! No, it can't be! No, it isn't!' she screamed, as the stranger gave her a note. Then she slammed the door and rushed into the basilica, causing a great disturbance among the guests. 'Sir, sir!' she screamed, 'it was him!'

'Who?' demanded the Marquis.

'Miss Elizabeth's ex-lover. Look, he gave me this note for her.' Everyone was now talking in whispers as Agatha handed the note to the Marquis.

'Father,' Elizabeth gently requested, 'father, give me that letter. I must know what it contains.'

'No, my child, I would rather kill you!'

'Very well, if that is the case, I will seek him out, and ask him his business with me.' And with these words Elizabeth rushed out, leaving everyone horror-stricken...

Months had now gone by. Weeks and days of sorrowful hours passed as the search continued for the beloved girl. Priests and dukes all put up pleas for their friend's daughter, but no trace was to be found, until one day John was out hunting in the nearby woods. As he was chasing a fox, a rustle was heard behind him. He turned round his silver mare to see who it was. Standing there was a figure of immaculate whiteness, bejewelled by silver dewdrops, clothed in Romany costume. Her name? Elizabeth, Queen of the Gipsies!

K. MATHIAS (3 B).

ANGLING GLOSSARY

ANGLER: The poor fool who finds pleasure in sitting on a wet river bank all day for a few small fish.

BITE: Can be defined in many ways: (1) From mosquito, gnat or midge. (2) From your sandwiches (though they are more likely to be used as bait). (3) The false bite from the angler next to you, who, by some twist of fate, has cast his line over yours and, as a result of much pulling, has effected an intermingling of yours and his line. Result: your rod goes into the water. (4) (Very rare) . . . from a fish. By the time you have recovered from the shock, however, it has taken your bait and departed.

CAST: Usually ends up in a tree. If by some mischance the hook, shot and float do enter the water, the bait will come off, and/or the hook and shot will be tangled around the float.

DOUGH: An excellent bait when the fish are biting (approx. every 3rd February 30th). The angler who makes it by the waterside might experience the intense thrill of seeing his carefully-prepared bait devoured by swans.

BEL: Ugh!

FISH: The ultimate achievement. Probably only 4 ins. long (but if you are using bait, a big bait, 5 ins.!). Absolutely marvellous if you didn't catch it in that big net I saw you stow away into your tackle carrier this morning.

GENTLES: To the uncouth, maggots. Found in various colours, which don't make the slightest bit of difference.

HUGE: It always is when it gets away.

INSANE: The general public's conception of angler. Not far wrong either.

JAM: Skill, if it's you though.

KEEN: Beginners always are to start off with, until they find that it isn't a 10lb. fish every cast. When after six months all they've caught is a cold, ardour is dampened somewhat, and they assume the attitude of the expert, that of a personal vendetta against the fish.

LINE: Bought and lost in 100 yds. spools.

MONEY: Can buy anything, but anything, in angling, if you've got enough of it. Unfortunately, money of us haven't.

NEWTON: He was lucky it was an apple and not an 8oz. sea-fishing weight.

OW!: Hook in the (1) backside, (2) foot, (3) nose, (4) finger or fish down your boot.

PESTS: (1) Small boys, (2) sundry small insects, (3) your mates, (4) the fish, (5) everything in general.

QUACK: The forlorn hoot of a duck, meaning that he has just taken your bait and doesn't like the taste of the hook.

RAIN: Cool and refreshing. No angling day would be the same without it.

SPLASH: Fish jumping out of the water, taunting the angler who has lost all his hooks.

TAME: They seem to be until you try to catch them.

UGH!: Another eel.

VILE and VEHEMENT is the angler's language when he loses a fish so big that, even when telling it afterwards, he needn't lie.

WORM: Very popular bait. A very effective method of catching them is as follows: Arm yourself with a large tin and creep out on to your lawn about midnight. Watch for the worms, lying mooning themselves on the grass. When a worm is sighted, pounce on him and put him in the tin. Collect 20-30. (You're not going to catch *that* many fish.) In the morning the angler will find that he forgot to put the lid on the tin and all his worms have escaped.

XTRAVAGANT: All anglers are. Just watch one as he goes into a tackle shop to buy his 11th pair of electric gumboot driers.

YOWHEE: I've got one.

ZEST: With which the angler plays his fish until the line finally snaps.

Conclusion: I hope that I have not seduced anyone else into the game, or rather the realms of the angler. Seriously, though, we do *sometimes* catch fish. If, however, you feel you can face this immensely tiring sport, drop me a line.

K. ELLIOTT (IVa).

(One of them.)

AUTOBAHNEN EXPERIENCE

Whenever we read a newspaper, listen to the radio or watch the television, we are continually reminded of the bad state of the roads in Britain and the need for enforcing good driving. Immediately the critic will compare British standards with those of the United States or the Continent, in particular West Germany. He will say that we should build more motorways to link the big towns and impose on-the-spot fines for motoring offences. However, I would certainly think twice before imitating Continental ideas, for, while hitch-hiking in West Germany last year, I had experience of several motorways and an on-the-spot fine.

Germany is famous for its Autobahnen, and any German will tell you that the only useful thing Hitler ever did was to construct these motorways, even though it was for a military purpose. Yet, it is a fact that West Germany has one of the highest accident rates in the world. Many of these accidents happen to the tired business man who wants to escape from the routine of town-life and rush off to the countryside. He heads for the nearest motorway and then drives at a steady speed of 70 m.p.h. in the direction of his favourite beauty spot. Unfortunately, these high-speed roads are often very straight and flat, mile after mile, so that the driver becomes tired and bored and is in danger of falling asleep. If this happens, he may crash, and several cars behind him may also crash into him, before they are able to stop.

This nearly happened to me while I was travelling in a Volkswagen between Bremen and Hamburg—a notoriously dull stretch of road. I was picked up just outside Bremen by a driver, who either felt sorry for me or who wanted someone to talk with, probably to take his mind off the coming boredom. He entered the motorway and immediately accelerated to about 75 m.p.h. After a short while I looked up at the driving mirror and noticed that he was fighting to keep his eyes open. His eyelids were blinking; then suddenly they closed. For two seconds we were drifting towards the grass verge in the middle, until he just as suddenly started up at the blasting of the horn from the car behind us. He pulled the car up into the inside lane and slowed down a little. It was only two seconds, but to me it seemed like five minutes. For the rest of the journey to Hamburg, I kept plying him with questions to keep him awake.

On another occasion, I was picked up outside Brunswick by a business man in a Mercedes. He was obviously in a hurry and wanted to drive along the nearby motorway, but unfortunately, we were still in a 50 m.p.h. zone. Then we found ourselves stuck behind a big lorry slowly going up a bridge. The driver soon became impatient and accelerated to 75 k.p.h. to overtake this lorry. He would have thought nothing more about the incident, if a policeman had not stopped us a little further along the road. The policeman walked up to the driver and said, 'I'm sorry to trouble you, sir, but we detected you speeding back there on the bridge.'

The driver replied innocently, 'Was I?'

'Yes, sir,' answered the policeman, 'you were doing 75'.

The driver casually glanced at the radar, and said, 'Yes, that's right. How much will that be?'

'Five marks, sir, I'm afraid,' said the policeman, eagerly taking out his notebook. The driver took out his wallet, flicked through a wad of banknotes and finally selected a ten mark note (roughly equivalent to 16/8d.), which he handed to the policeman. The policeman looked a little embarrassed, as he wondered if he could find enough change. He fumbled about in his little purse and eventually found the right amount of small coins for change. Indignantly putting the varied assortment of coins into his pocket and taking the receipt, the driver abruptly said goodbye to the victorious policeman and drove away to the motorway, uttering many a German curse under his breath.

Although I think that motorways can be dangerous under certain conditions, I am not saying that we in Britain should not build more motorways like the M.1., but that if they are necessary they should be very carefully designed, so as to avoid monotony on long distance journeys. The Federal Government of West Germany is now taking steps to avoid dull, uninteresting stretches on the new motorways, a factor which Hitler's engineers did not take into account. In the case of the on-the-spot fine, it seemed to serve no purpose at all as a deterrent to the impatient motorist. The driver was not in the least perturbed by a fine, which was less than ten shillings; he was only annoyed that he had wasted ten precious minutes of his time, which he made up for, once he was on his way, that is, on the

motorway. On the other hand, I think the policemen were enjoying themselves with their radar equipment, catching the unsuspecting motorist and imposing this almost nominal fine.

After these experiences I am always wary of the critic who compares our methods with those of West Germany and suggests that we should copy them. These questions should be given a great deal of thought by the Minister of Transport and experts in road engineering, who may cover this country with a network of death-traps and give the police the power to impose petty fines. We should learn from the mistakes of other countries and try to avoid them.

K. BUTLER (Upper Sixth).

REFLECTIONS ON A SCHOOL DANCE

It is raining and cold. It always is whenever a school holds a dance, and tonight is no exception. Grimly we pick our way between the amassed group of antiquated parked cars, huddled dejectedly on the playground, and squelch up to the main entrance to be confronted with a demand for our tickets. After much wet fumbling a battered, crumpled, dirty, sodden piece of torn cardboard is eyed suspiciously by the person at the door and we are admitted. Quickly we lay a trail of moist, pointed footprints to the cloakroom, where our bedraggled coats hang dripping with those of all the others who have wasted 3/6d. and an evening's television to come here.

Being late, as is customary on such occasions, we find the hall in which the dance is actually held, already populated. Cautiously peering through the crack in the door, we see along one wall a large number of girls sitting down, and along the other side of the hall an equally large number of boys. On the floor a sprinkling of couples, all elderly and with the men wearing bow-ties, shuffle to the syrupy tones of the apathetic, also elderly and bow-tied, band, who are only waiting for the interval's liquid refreshments.

The girls, dressed to kill and capable, by the expressions on their faces, of doing so, eye with suspicion, even malevolence, the boys on the other side of the hall, who are talking unconcernedly about the everyday topics boys do discuss. Much interest is shown as to the degree of pointedness of various pairs of shoes, the width of trouser bottoms, and the length and number of buttons on certain jackets, but even this subject can flag. As this is only the first half of the dance, in spite of repeated exhortations to get everybody on the floor, enthusiasm is thin. The decorations are also uninspiring and one wonders if three twopenny streamers were enough.

At long last the interval comes and all troop out to eat their fill, or at least their money's worth, of paste sandwiches and doubtful-looking sausage-rolls, quaffing great draughts of orange squash whilst so doing. Those who favoured perhaps more kick in their orange now arrive merry, furiously sucking peppermints. Finally, crazed by the orange squash and sandwiches, the whole horde ambles back to the hall.

Now comes the exciting second half. Soon almost two-thirds of the people present are dancing. When a ladies' invitation dance is announced, the unattached young men stand bewildered by the reversal of usual procedure, wondering if they used the right brand of hair-cream. The lights grow gradually dimmer to an increased number of squeals of pain over gashed ankles and crumpled toes; the sound of shuffling rises to the pitch of a fevered steam engine. Many unusual styles of dancing become evident.

Some follow the Victor Sylvester method and are resplendent with patent leather shoes, albeit fighting shy of tails and spats; others can almost dance after numerous school dancing classes and shuffle painfully round; and

there are those independent types who can't dance, are proud of the fact, and show their disapproval of those who can by going round the wrong way, crunching all in their path.

About this time arrangements are made for conveyance home, everything being calculated according to a reasonable walking distance. Alas, the young lady who lives miles away will have to find someone else, for we stare avidly into the distance.

Refreshed by their fruit-juice the band play with renewed gusto to the high spot of the dance, when with a cheer almost as many as a dozen balloons are released, to be immediately seized and burst by stamping, to the peril of all who possess feet in the vicinity. A stumbling mockery of Auld Lang Syne is perpetrated to the accompaniment of more toe-crushing and pushing, and a rousing chorus of the National Anthem, perhaps all of eight bars, brings the dance to a close.

Wearily some three hundred people stagger out into the sullen, wintry night and make their rowdy way home. Behind in the hall, the floor is littered with burst, festive balloons, gaily strewn streamers and surreptitiously ejected cigarette ends. Silence falls again over the school; with utter dismay the caretaker faces the task before him.

R. J. WHITAKER (U. VI).

THE WHISTLE

It all started one morning when Brown was working in his office with his secretary. As he was writing he heard a loud whistle, which he naturally thought was a railway train, until he remembered that there was no railway anywhere near. Realizing this he asked, 'What was that noise?'

'I heard nothing, sir,' replied the secretary.

'Must have been my imagination, then,' said Brown.

That afternoon the secretary was killed in a road accident. Brown had no reason to connect the two incidents, so he thought no more about it.

But about a fortnight later he heard the whistle again. This time he was having a drink with his next-door neighbour at the local pub. When he heard it he turned to his companion and asked, 'Did you hear that whistling noise?'

'There was no reply; his neighbour was slumped over the bar—dead!

The coroner stated that death was due to a heart attack, but Brown knew better. He now realized that, by some uncanny means, when he heard the whistle whoever was with him would die.

It was several weeks before he heard the whistle again. He was talking to Evans, a clerk from another department, whom he hated. The two of them had never got on well together and everyone knew it.

He had just asked Evans to get him some information about a new project when he heard it. He stiffened, and then smiled slowly to himself and looked at Evans, who had also looked up and was smiling.

'Oh, er—Evans, you needn't bother with that information; it isn't important,' he said pleasantly.

'O.K. Brown,' came the amiable reply.

A week passed and then a fortnight; still Evans was alive and well. During this time Brown had developed an apparent friendship with Evans and nearly every lunchtime they went for a stroll somewhere. Brown started suggesting dangerous places to walk, such as the canal bank or the main road, where a slip could mean death.

He felt that he must not push Evans or do anything to cause his death. It must be left to Fate . . . and the whistle.

A few days later he suggested that they should go and look at the rusted, old iron bridge over the railway at the back of a near-by factory. Evans went quite willingly.

Within a few minutes they were on the bridge. One handrail was missing and the whole structure was wet with rain.

'This is dangerous,' said Brown. 'Someone could easily slip and fall.'

'Yes, they could,' agreed Evans, smiling faintly.

In the distance a train whistled as it approached.

'The whistle,' whispered Evans to himself.

Brown heard and whipped round.

'You know, too?' he gasped.

'And you?' demanded Evans. 'Then . . .'

In the tenseness of the moment neither of them heard the train approaching. . . .

No one witnessed the collapse of the bridge. P. MARTIN (Vc).

VERSE TRANSLATION

If you are not yourself a poet (that is, if there is nothing you will burst if you don't write something down), but are still so captivated by the art of poetry that you must try it for yourself, then one of the most fascinating of all pastimes is to translate a poem. It's not much good sitting down and thinking up a subject about which to write an original poem, as however polished the technical accomplishment might ultimately be, the fire of poetry would be lacking. But mortals made of lesser stuff than the great poets themselves can feel the fire and see the vision in a great poem, and if it is in a foreign language can try to recreate it in their own language. This can be a really artistic undertaking, comparable with that of performing a great work of music.

One of the snags is that you have to take a really fine poem with a strong character of its own, if there is to be any hope of its life flowing over into your translation. Such a poem is, however, of course, much harder to cope with than a mediocre one.

The lower sixth tried its hand at Baudelaire's 'L'Albatros' last term. Their difficulties may help (and amuse) others who might care to try their hand.

First, here is the original poem, with a brief glossary, for those whose French is rusty:

- 1 *Souvent, pour s'amuser, les hommes d'équipage*
Prendent des albatros, vastes oiseaux des mers,
- 3 *Qui suivent, indolents compagnons de voyage,*
Le navire glissant sur les gouffres amers.
- 5 *A peine les ont-ils déposés sur les planches,*
Que ces rois de l'azur, maladroits et honteux,
- 7 *Laissent piteusement leurs grandes ailes blanches*
Comme des avirons traîner à côté d'eux.
- 9 *Ce voyageur ailé, comme il est gauche et veule!*
Lui, naguère si beau, qu'il est comique et laid!
- 11 *L'un agace son bec avec un brûle-gueule,*
L'autre mime, en boitant, l'infirme qui volait!
- 13 *Le Poète est semblable au prince des nuées*
Qui hante la tempête et se rit de l'archer;
- 15 *Exilé sur le sol au milieu des huées,*
Ses ailes de géant l'empêchent de marcher.

un équipage (crew), *un gouffre* (gulf), *amer* (bitter), *maladroit* (clumsy), *honteux* (ashamed), *une aile* (wing), *un aviron* (scull), *traîner* (to drag), *veule* (flabby), *agacer* (to tease), *un brûle-gueule* (clay pipe—a slang word, literally 'gob burner'), *boitant* (limping), *un infirme* (a sick person), *la nuée* (cloud), *hanter* (to haunt), *le sol* (the ground), *un archer* (an archer), *les huées* (shouts and jeers), *le géant* (giant).

The extracts included below were genuinely submitted by the lower sixth, who have kindly allowed me to reproduce them—anonymously. The numbers refer to the lines of the poem.

When looking for a rhyme, the secret is to find a *pair* of suitable words. There is a great danger in insisting on finding a rhyme to a word you have already decided to use.

- 1 For their amusement mariners often caught
Albatrosses, huge birds of the swell
Which followed the ship from port to port,
Slipping slowly o'er the salty hell.

- 1 Often to amuse themselves, seamen
Catch albatross, sea-birds huge,
Who follow as lazy voyage-friends,
The ship slipping over the briny deluge.

A rhyme has to be exact:

- 15 But on the ground, where the earth doth baulk him
His giant wings prevent him from walking.

You have to be sure you've chosen *exactly* the word that's needed. Words that aren't *quite* right are a disaster:

- 1 The crew were wont to catch for fun
Many an albatross who used to run
Behind the ship over the deep.

- 6 For he his great white wings and legs does drag:
His body limp as the windless flag.

The 'Flying Doctor' programme tends to spoil:

- 10 He who was beautiful, how ugly and stupid,
One annoys his beak with a cutty,
Another mimes, limping, the flying invalid.

You must, by the way, be *quite* sure you know what the words mean. One student confused *aviron* with *avion*:

- 5 Scarcely are they on to the ship's deck led,
Than these regal birds, clumsy and with shame,
Down by their side their wings do spread,
Just like an actual aeroplane.

You will see in many of these excerpts places where the rhythm falters. This blemish always draws attention to itself, and away from the poem, and generally clogs the works. Reading this next example aloud is like walking on a marble floor with treacle on the soles of your shoes:

- 9 So handsome before, this winged visitor soft
Spineless and ugly, he seems to be crying,
One is irritating his beak with a clay pipe
While the other mimics the invalid who is flying.

Yet too slick a person will lose the majesty of the original:

- 5 Arrived on deck, this king of the skies
Ungainly and ashamed,
His huge, white wings to his sides lets fall
Like skulls, as if he'd been tamed.

So much for our failures. Needless to say no one submitted a perfect, or even near-perfect, version. I turned over in my mind the possibility of trying to produce a collective version—the work of a small panel of translators—but I rejected that idea. Together we could have solved a number of the basic problems of the poem (for example, how to move subtly from the 'poetic' words of the first two lines of the last stanza, to the stark simplicity of the last line). But if I am recommending this to you as something fascinating for you to try yourself, you will be more interested to

see simply and un-touched-up the best version that was handed in. Here it is then. Note two things about it: the rhyme in lines 7 and 8 just won't work as it stands, and the singular 'side' doesn't give the right picture. The rhythmic pattern throughout is faulty, but nevertheless, as a whole, the version has a subtle, effective natural rhythm of its own. Neither you nor the writer should try to imitate this; it is a lucky chance that it does come off. Strict adherence to the rules of metre is by far the simplest and safest way in the long run, even if it takes a little longer to do.

This version is by Gerald Bull:

N. McC.

THE ALBATROSS

Often for amusement, the ship's crew
Capture albatross, large sea birds, as they flew,
Who, lazy companions on the trip
Follow o'er the deep the course of the ship.

Laid down on the deck, these peaceful kings,
Sadly allow their large white wings,
Clumsily, with no thought for their pride,
Like sculls to drop down at their sides.

This winged visitor, so clumsy and soft,
Now funny and ugly, though handsome aloft,
Is mocked by one who scratches its beak,
By another who limps to mimic the weak.

The poet resembles the prince of the heaven
Who haunts the storm, and mocks the bowmen,
Exiled on the ground, mid jeering and talking,
His massive wings prevent him from walking.

HOME-TRUTHS

At a Debating Society meeting in 1960 a schoolmaster declared that whenever he heard a Slough boy speak he wanted to scream. It cannot be believed that he was referring to the silver-gold sparkle of the Slough accent, known in elocution lessons as 'the metallic twang', but rather that he deplored the incomprehensible matter which was thrown at him, usually in reply to a very simple question. The injustice of such a remark was immediately recognized by those parties concerned and faint protests were voiced. However, after some deliberation it was realized that, indeed, mere dislike or spite was not behind such a statement but more than a modicum of truth. Even further meditation produced evidence which supported it, and, wonder upon wonders, the discovery that the schoolmaster was not averse to disguising 'actual reality' himself. Hence the following list, for it was argued that for the good of Human Society, etc., such discoveries should not go undisclosed.

[For the benefit of the unenlightened, nay, ignorant, revelations of the true circumstances, or translations, will be given.]

I—THE SCHOOLBOY TO THE MASTER

- (1) Guess I was just too tied up to git all my homework done last night, sir.
He watched 'Rawhide'.
- (2) When I woke up this morning, sir, I looked out of my bedroom window and saw a pheasant lying on the lawn, so . . .
The boy is late.

- (3) Sir, many Christians are also Communists. How do the teachings of Marx and Hegel differ from those of Christ, and how do they agree?
It is in the last minute of a Fifth Form R.I. lesson and the next period is Gym.
- (4) Sir, what are the chances of any English football team winning the European Cup?
It is the same questioner as in (3), but this time it is posed at the beginning of the Gym. lesson.
- (5) —1849—sorry, 1848.
His neighbour has corrected him.
- (6) I left my book at home.
He is a First Form boy; he therefore hasn't done his homework.
- (7) I left my book at home.
He is a IVth Former—the excuse is so old now it must be true.
- (8) Are you sure, sir? If I might quote Walter Lippman . . .
He intends to go to Cambridge.

II—THE SCHOOLMASTER TO THE CLASS

- (1) Could you rephrase that question, Jones?
A Biology Master is teaching Physics in a Chemistry lab., and requires time to think.
- (2) Will you please hand in your essays first thing tomorrow morning.
It is Friday and the master is keen.
- (3) Hand in your work some time next week.
It is Monday, but the master has better things to do.
- (4) Yes, of course you can go early, Jones.
He is straight from University; it is a crucial lesson, but he happens to go out with Jones' elder sister.
- (5) Who rings the bell here?
The Test Match is on.
- (6) . . . exercises I, II, IV and X; translate pages 185-198; write an essay on . . .
Tomorrow is Half Term.
- (7) Of—course I can take a joke, Jones.
The question is, can Jones?
- (8) Well, at least you're honest!
It is the last day of the Christmas Term; the master has just enjoyed an excellent lunch—why hold a grudge?
- (9) Not b . . . y likely.
He is reading Pygmalion.
- (10) Tell me, Jones, what are your views on this question?
Jones is asleep.

D.S.

IN DER SONNE

Heute strahlt die Sonne,
Welch ein schöner Blick!
Leben ist nur Wonne
Liebe, Hoffnung, Glück.

Morgen kann es regnen,
Grau der Himmel sein,
Keiner wird mich segnen,
Hin der Sonnenschein.

Heut genieß' ich daher
Satt den Sonnenschein,
Morgen wird es sicher
Etwas anders sein!

K. BUTLER (U. VI).

EVERYTHING PASSES

The dead do not sleep
In their beds of clay,
Hidden away from
The cold light of day,
But slowly moulder
In steady decay,
And rot away.

But while he yet lives
Man's spirit soars high,
He delves into knowledge,
He flies in the sky.
Yet all this must end,
It all passes by,
For man must die.

Upon the earth's face
Man continues to strive
That he may exist
And even to thrive;
The good gift of life
Is not man's to give,
He ends in the grave.

Nature as well,
She does not bother
To preserve her children
From one another.
Over all the world
Death's shadows gather,
And youth's hopes wither.

If we were but sure
Of man's living soul,
Of an end to our labours,
Of a reward for our toil,
We would then cease
To fear it all,
And at death to pall.

The one ray of comfort
Is a belief in God,
To tread in the paths
Where Jesus has trod;
This only gives man
The strength for his load
On life's cheerless road.

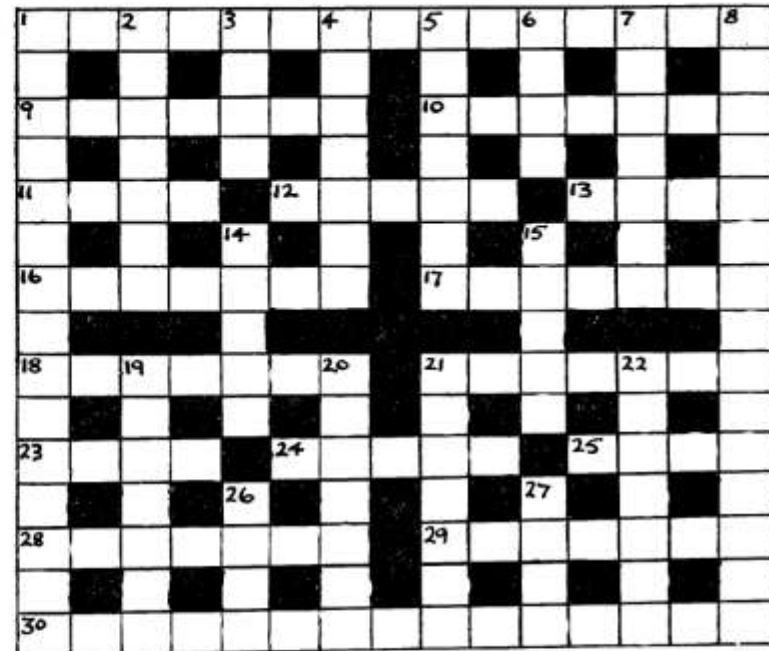
R. J. WHITAKER, U. VI.

THE SWAN CROSSWORD

Compiled by R. Dearlove (U.VI).

CLUES ACROSS

1. The sinner mingled with the chef and meant to get the vote. (15)
9. Tumble, I see, into deception. (7)
10. One who thinks the moon is a clock? Must be mad! (7)
11. Measure makes entry backwards. (4)
12. Take contributions from substance and perform with the rest. (5)
13. Medicinal Application. (4)
16. Nelson Eddy returns initially with a servant. (7)
17. Garment for one-legged male? (7)
18. Christen our Ishmaelite. (In doing so feed him well).
21. Dispute. (7)
23. To yield. (4)
24. Continentally cheerful in an outside setting once more. (5)
25. Breeding place found under the foot. (4)
28. Comes first in the last of a letter. (7)
29. Spear makes an equilibrium to an artistic degree. (7)
30. Bed, blankets, and Horlicks, perhaps, form these. (5, 10)

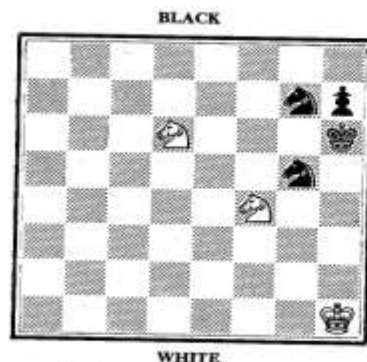


CLUES DOWN

1. What the injured party must do against the defendant in a case of libel. (7, 2, 6)
2. Birds of prey. (7)
3. Man of great faith? (4)
4. Type of pepper. (7)
5. Unlawful. (7)
6. Famous volcano in Vietnam. (4)
7. Takes ten assorted aches and cuts off the inheritance. (7)
8. These are paying guests, of an unsociable and habitually silent nature. (8, 7)
14. Taxi in a hut. (5)
15. Connected with the extremes of the earth.
19. United Nations resound in downfall. (7)
20. Bargains. (7)
21. To argue by means of a play on words. (7)
22. Building of circular ground-plan.
26. Take dustpan in readiness to initially clean it away. (4)
27. Lost in a groove. (4)

[Solution on page 73]

CHESS PROBLEM



White mates in two moves

(Answer in the next edition of 'The Swan')

BRIDGE PROBLEM

(By J. S. LePage, L/VI)

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| S. JX | | | |
| H. KJXX | | | |
| D. J10XX | | | |
| C. QJX | | | |
| S. AKQ10X | | | |
| H. AQ | | | |
| D. KXX | | | |
| C. K10X | | | |

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S. XX
H. 10XXX
D. XXX
C. XXXX

Bidding:

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|----|--------------|----|----------|
| S. | W. | N. | E. |
| — | 2 SPADES | — | 4 SPADES |
| — | 4 NO TRUMPS* | — | 5 HEARTS |
| — | 6 SPADES | — | |

* Norman Convention.

East lays down his hand on the lead of a small diamond by North. West can see eleven top tricks almost certain, but is not quite sure how he is going to make the slam.

On which two cards does the contract depend, and how should the declarer play the hand? [Answer on page 73].

GAMES AND ATHLETICS

ATHLETICS (1960)

The sports were soon upon us after a few weeks of the Summer Term. With normal P.E. periods being taken over for Standard tests, the only coaching and practice time was after 4 p.m. Only the enthusiasts turned out and, of course, reaped their benefits.

Standard points, as usual, made their desired effect on Sports' Day, although to some it was not a big enough one. This year it is hoped to present a Cup to the House gaining the most standard points. This should make House Athletics fairer to all.

This past year has been a successful year for the athletes of the School. Three classes in the District Sports being won, and a success in the County Sports. Five athletes were chosen to represent Bucks. in the All-England Sports.

As a footnote to these successes and as a word of advice to any aspiring young athlete, we print the following message from Mr. J. G. Myatt, master-in-charge of Physical Education:

'It should be pointed out that new School records and good performances are not the result of chance, but of training. Obviously, other factors such as natural ability, height and weight, play their part, but in every case correct training will result in better performance. This fact cannot be over-stressed, especially in field events. The correct techniques for these events have been formulated by years of practice and study by top-ranking athletes and coaches. They are often quite complicated and take hours of practice before they are mastered. Until these basic techniques become 'second-nature', the athlete will not be performing with the most efficiency and economy, and will therefore never realise his full potential. There is no short cut to success in any athletic event. Improvement in personal performance is proportional to the time that the athlete is prepared to spend in mastering basic techniques and in training'.

SPORTS DAY 1960

In the 1960 Sports House Championship, Hampden narrowly defeated Herschel in a very exciting contest to become winners of the Johnson Cup. We were honoured by the presence of Councillor Tong, who presented the Cups and Certificates.

RESULTS (G—Gray, Ha—Hampden, He—Herschel, M—Milton).

CLASS I
100 yards [Record: T. W. S. Groome (1951), M. Deuchar (1958), 10.6 secs.]
1st A. E. Alderman (He), 2nd H. Froggatt (Ha), 3rd G. Riglar (G), 4th R. Stevens (G). [Time: 10.6 secs. (equals record).]
220 yards [Record: M. Deuchar (1958), 23.5 secs.]
1st A. Alderman (He), 2nd H. Froggatt (Ha), 3rd G. Riglar (G), 4th K. Lane (He). [Time: 24 secs.]
440 yards [Record: M. Deuchar (1958), 52.8 secs.]
1st M. Holliday (M), 2nd K. Lane (He), 3rd M. Elquezabal (Ha), 4th P. Read (He). [Time: 54.5 secs.]
880 yards [Record: R. Walmsley (1957), 2 mins. 2.8 secs.]
1st C. Doyle (Ha), 2nd C. Summerhayes (M), 3rd M. Elquezabal (Ha), 4th P. Hinchcliffe (G). [Time: 2 mins. 4 secs.]
1 Mile [Record: A. Henry (1958), 4 mins. 44 secs.]
1st C. Doyle (Ha), 2nd M. Duff (G), 3rd C. Summerhayes (M), 4th L. Greenaway (M). [Time: 4 mins. 51 secs.]
Hurdles [Record: R. Thomas (1958), J. Pywell (1959), 15 secs.]
1st R. Stevens (G), 2nd B. Deuchar (M), 3rd I. Hodgson (He), 4th R. Hill (Ha). [Time: 14'2 secs. (New record).]
Long Jump [Record: P. Ford (1944), 20 ft. 10 ins.]
1st M. Holliday (M), 2nd A. Alderman (He), 3rd G. J. Thomas (He), 4th J. MacGlinchey (Ha). [Distance: 19 ft. 10'4 ins.]
High Jump [Record: M. Holliday (1959), 5 ft. 8 ins.]
1st M. Head (Ha), 2nd J. Field (Ha), 3rd K. Lane (He), 4th R. Monks (G). [Height: 5 ft. 6 ins.]

Pole Vault [Record: A. Henry (1958), 8 ft. 9 ins.].
1st R. Stevens (G), 2nd J. Field (Ha), 3rd C. Carritt (M), 4th S. Baxter (G). [Height: 9 ft. 2 ins. (new record).]
Hop, Step and Jump [Record: M. Johnson (1959), 39 ft. 10 ins.].
1st M. Holliday (M), 2nd B. Deuchar (M), 3rd J. Lepage (He), 4th I. Hodgson (He). [Distance: 44 ft. 6 ins. (New record).]
Discus [Record: B. Cleverley (1956), 133 ft.].
1st P. Read (He), 2nd I. Clarke (M), 3rd M. Elquezabal (Ha), 4th R. Dearlove (G). [Distance: 117 ft. 8½ ins.].
Shot [Record: B. Cleverley (1956), 45 ft. 1 in.].
1st I. Clark (M), 2nd P. Read (He), 3rd R. Dearlove (G), 4th B. Deuchar (M). [Distance: 35 ft. 6½ ins.].
Javelin [Record: M. Holliday (1959), 181 ft. 10 ins.].
1st R. Ash (Ha), 2nd I. Hodgson (He), 3rd R. Fuller (M), 4th A. Altmayer (G). [Distance: 129 ft. 6 ins.].
Relay [Record: Milton (1958), 47.95 secs.].
1st Herschel, 2nd Hampden, 3rd Milton, 4th Gray. Winning Team: Alderman, Lane, Hodgson, Read. [Time: 48.3 secs.].

CLASS II

100 yards [Record: A. J. Gibson (1958), 11 secs.].
1st R. Turner (M), 2nd T. Phillips (Ha), 3rd I. Taylor (He), 4th A. Alderman (G). [Time: 11.7 secs.].
220 yards [Record: A. E. Alderman (1957), 24.6 secs.].
1st R. Flower (Ha), 2nd T. Phillips (Ha), 3rd A. Alderman (G), 4th M. Holloway (He). [Time: 25.5 secs.].
440 yards [Record: R. Thomas (1957), 57 secs.].
1st R. Flower (Ha), 2nd C. Ramsdale (Ha), 3rd M. Bell (G), 4th P. Manning (M). [Time: 57.8 secs.].
880 yards [Record: C. Summerhayes (1956), 2 mins. 16.9 secs.].
1st C. Ramsdale (Ha), 2nd R. Barret (G), 3rd M. Bell (G), 4th B. Hollings (M). [Time: 2 mins. 17.8 secs.].
Hurdles [Record: R. J. Hill (1958), 11.8 secs.].
1st R. Turner (M), 2nd P. Griffiths (He), 3rd D. Dilnot (He), 4th R. Breen (G). [Time: 11.8 secs. (Equals record).]
Long Jump [Record: B. J. Lucas (1949), 17 ft. 10½ ins.].
1st A. Alderman (G), 2nd R. Turner (M), 3rd C. Ramsdale (Ha), 4th M. Douthwaite (He). [Distance: 16 ft. 4 in.].
High Jump [Record: M. Head (1958), 5 ft. 14 ins.].
1st D. Rothero (M), 2nd P. L. Griffiths (He), 3rd R. Flower (Ha), 4th P. Robson (M). [Height: 4 ft. 9 ins.].
Pole Vault [Record: C. Carritt (1959), 7 ft.].
1st G. Coleman (He), 2nd D. Rothero (M), 3rd E. P. Lucas-Smith (Ha), 4th —. [Height: 7 ft. 5 ins. (New record).]
Hop, Step and Jump [Record: R. Thomas (1957), 35 ft. 8 ins.].
1st S. Baggs (M), 2nd C. Ramsdale (Ha), 3rd P. Phillips (Ha), 4th A. Alderman (G). [Distance: 33 ft. 10½ ins.].
Discus [Record: I. Clark (1958), 122 ft. 11 ins.].
1st H. Smith (G), 2nd B. Symes (G), 3rd R. Flower (Ha), 4th R. Smith (Ha). [Distance: 90 ft. 6 ins.].
Shot [Record: A. J. Gibson (1958), 44 ft. 4 ins.].
1st I. Taylor (He), 2nd B. N. Hynam (G), 3rd H. Smith (G), 4th P. Manning (M). [Distance: 34 ft. 4½ ins.].
Javelin [Record: D. C. Middleton (1955), 130 ft. 8 ins.].
1st I. Taylor (He), 2nd W. Phillips (Ha), 3rd M. Douthwaite (He), 4th S. Baggs (M). [Distance: 151 ft. 10½ ins. (New record).]
Relay [Record: Herschel (1957), 50.05 secs.].
1st Hampden, 2nd Milton, 3rd Herschel, 4th Gray. Winning Team: Ramsdale, Flower, Phillips, Bathurst. [Time: 51.9 secs.].

CLASS III

100 yards [Record: B. J. Lucas (1948), 11.9 secs.].
1st G. Gibson (Ha), 2nd G. Hester (Ha), 3rd H. Burden (He), 4th J. Gedge (He). [Time: 12.3 secs.].
220 yards [Record: R. E. Faulkner (1949), 27.5 secs.].
1st G. Gibson (Ha), 2nd A. Johnson (He), 3rd C. Cockburn (M), 4th R. Grimes (Ha). [Time: 28.9 secs.].
Hurdles [Record: R. Turner (1957), 11.3 secs.].
1st A. Johnson (He), 2nd C. Cockburn (M), 3rd G. Hester (Ha), 4th C. Lane (He). [Time: 11.8 secs.].
Long Jump [Record: B. J. Lucas (1948), 15 ft. 8½ ins.].
1st A. Johnson (He), 2nd C. Cockburn (M), 3rd K. Dawes (G), 4th R. F. Davies (G). [Distance: 13 ft. 7 ins.].
High Jump [Record: P. Griffiths (1959), 4 ft. 9 ins.].
1st H. Burden (He), 2nd R. Grantham (Ha), 3rd G. Hester (Ha), 4th J. R. Hamilton (He). [Height: 4 ft. 2 ins.].
Hop, Step and Jump [Record: M. Elquezabal (1956), 31 ft. 3½ ins.].
1st A. Johnson (He), 2nd P. Nicholas (G), 3rd N. Hodgson (He), 4th D. Gleave (M). [Distance: 29 ft. 7½ ins.].

Discus [Record: I. Taylor (1959), 96 ft. 4 ins.].
1st C. A. Cockburn (M), 2nd G. Olson (Ha), 3rd G. Hester (Ha), 4th P. Nicholas (G). [Distance: 93 ft. 9 ins.].
Shot [Record: I. Taylor (1959), 46 ft. 9 ins.].
1st G. Olson (Ha), 2nd W. Buck (He), 3rd J. Beaumont (He), 4th R. Grantham (Ha). [Distance: 29 ft. 10 ins.].
Javelin [Record: I. Taylor (1959), 136 ft. 1 in.].
1st D. Hannigan (Ha), 2nd C. Sherlock (M), 3rd M. Massey (He), 4th A. Parsons (M). [Distance: 79 ft. 7 ins.].
Relay [Record: Gray (1957), 55.9 secs.].
1st Hampden, 2nd Herschel, 3rd Gray, 4th Milton. Winning Team: Olson, Hester, Grimes, Hannigan. [Time: 57 secs.].
Open
Mile Handicap [Record (Scratch only): R. Walmsley (1958), 4 mins. 50.5 secs.].
1st M. Bell, 2nd M. Rouse, 3rd M. Duff, 4th R. Barrett.

DISTRICT SPORTS

Seniors (17—19 years)

100 yards—A. E. Alderman 1st; P. Spooner 3rd.
220 yards—A. E. Alderman 1st; K. Lane 2nd.
440 yards—K. Lane 2nd; C. Doyle 3rd.
880 yards—C. Doyle 1st; C. Summerhayes 3rd.
1 mile—K. Wallis 2nd; K. Halstead 3rd.
Hurdles—R. Stevens 1st; B. Deuchar 2nd.
Shot—M. Stokes 1st.
Javelin—R. Fuller 3rd.
High Jump—R. Stevens 2nd; J. Field 3rd.
Triple Jump—B. Deuchar 1st.
Pole Vault—J. Field 1st.
Relay—1st (A. E. Alderman, K. Lane, R. Stevens, C. Doyle).

Intermediates (15—17 years)

100 yards—H. Froggatt 3rd; G. Riglar 4th.
220 yards—H. Froggatt 2nd; G. Riglar 4th.
440 yards—M. Elquezabal 2nd; P. Read 4th.
880 yards—M. Elquezabal 2nd; P. Hinchcliffe 3rd.
1 mile—M. Duff 1st; D. Beer 3rd.
Hurdles—I. Hodgson 1st; P. Hinchcliffe 2nd.
Shot—I. Clark 1st; A. Smyth 3rd.
Discus—P. Read 1st—I. Clark 2nd.
Javelin—R. Giles 2nd.
High Jump—M. Head 1st.
Long Jump—J. Virgo 3rd; McGlinchey 4th.
Triple Jump—J. LePage; 2nd I. Hodgson 3rd.
Pole Vault—C. Carritt 1st.
Relay—2nd (G. Riglar, H. Froggatt, J. Virgo, C. Hellmuth).

Juniors (13—15 years)

220 yards—R. Turner 4th.
880 yards—R. Flower 1st; C. Ramsdale 3rd.
1 mile—M. Rouse 2nd.
Hurdles—R. Turner 2nd.
Shot—I. Taylor 4th.
Javelin—I. Taylor 2nd.
High Jump—P. Griffiths 1st; D. Rothero 3rd.
Long Jump—C. Ramsdale 1st.
Triple Jump—T. Phillips 2nd.
Pole Vault—G. Coleman 1st.
Relay—1st (R. Flower, C. Ramsdale, T. Phillips, R. Turner).

Boys (11—13 years)

Hurdles—R. Breen 4th.
Discus—C. Bass 2nd.
Javelin—D. Roberts 3rd.
Long Jump—C. Bass 1st; A. Johnson 2nd.

COUNTY SPORTS

Juniors (Under 15)

880 yards—R. Flower 1st.
1 Mile—M. Rouse 4th.
Hurdles—R. Turner 1st.
Javelin—I. Taylor 1st; (New Record)
High Jump—P. Griffiths 2nd.
Pole Vault—G. Coleman 2nd.

Intermediate (15—17 years)

220 yards—H. Froggatt 4th.
440 yards—M. Elguezabel 4th.
880 yards—P. Hinchcliffe 4th.
1 Mile—M. Duff 5th.
Hurdles—I. Hodgson 1st; Hinchcliffe 4th.
Shot—I. Clarke 3rd.
Discus—I. Clarke 4th.
High Jump—M. Mead 3rd.
Pole Vault—C. Carritt 1st.

Seniors (17—19 years)

440 yards—K. Lane 5th.
880 yards—C. Summerhayes 2nd; C. Doyle 4th.
Hurdles—R. Stevens 2nd.
Shot—M. Stokes 4th.
Triple Jump—B. Deuchar 2nd.
Pole Vault—J. Field 1st.

ALL-ENGLAND SPORTS

The following boys were picked to represent the County:

Seniors (17—19 years)

R. Stevens (gained 3rd place in 120 yards Hurdles and achieved standard time); B. Deuchar (200 yards low Hurdles).

Intermediate (15—17 years)

I. Hodgson (110 yards Hurdles).

Juniors (13—15 years)

R. Flower (880 yards); I. Taylor (Javelin).

We also entered a small, but very strong team in the Maidenhead Athletic Club's Annual Schools' Meeting, where we were fortunate in winning the Cup in the Youths' age group. The team was as follows:

Youths (15—17 years)

100 Yards—H. Froggatt 4th.
220 Yards—H. Froggatt 2nd.
880 Yards—C. Doyle 1st; M. Elguezabel 3rd.
1 Mile—M. Duff 1st; Beer 4th.
Long Jump—G. Thomas 4th.

Boys (13—15 years)

440 Yards—R. Ramsdale 1st.
880 Yards—R. Flower 1st.
Relay—1st.

CRICKET 1960

1st XI

| Capt. M. Holliday. | Vice-Capt. T. Knight. | Secretary R. Dearlove. | | |
|---|-----------------------|------------------------|---------|----|
| 11th May 1960 v. Slough Technical | 91 | Slough Technical | ... | 23 |
| S.G.S. (for 6 dec.) | | | | |
| 14th May 1960 v. Sir William Borlase | 81 | Sir William Borlase | ... | 82 |
| S.G.S. | | | (for 2) | |
| 25th May 1960 v. Ranelagh Grammar | 110 | S.G.S. | ... | 82 |
| Ranelagh | | | (for 4) | |
| 28th May 1960 v. Peter Symonds | 196 | S.G.S. | ... | 67 |
| Peter Symonds | | | | |
| 1st June 1960 v. Ranelagh G.S. | 52 | S.G.S. | ... | 57 |
| Ranelagh | | | (for 2) | |
| 11th June 1960 v. Dr. Challoner's, Amersham | 70 | Amersham | ... | 44 |
| S.G.S. | | | | |
| 19th June 1960 v. Strode G.S., Egham | 38 | Strode's | ... | 39 |
| S.G.S. | | | (for 0) | |
| 25th June v. Old Paludians | 83 | S.G.S. | ... | 84 |
| Old Paludians | | | (for 3) | |
| 2nd July 1960 v. Ashford G.S. | 123 | Ashford | ... | 46 |
| S.G.S. (for 4 dec.) | | | | |
| 6th July 1960 v. Bishopshalt G.S. | 134 | Bishopshalt | ... | 59 |
| S.G.S. (for 7 dec.) | | | | |
| 9th July 1960 v. Strode G.S., Egham | 94 | Strode's | ... | 95 |
| S.G.S. | | | (for 2) | |
| 16th July v. A Parents' XI | 96 | Parents' XI | ... | 35 |
| S.G.S. | | | | |
| 20th July v. The Staff XI | 89 | Staff XI | ... | 90 |
| S.G.S. | | | (for 9) | |

Played 13. Won 7. Drawn 1. Lost 5.

| Batting: | | |
|----------|--------------|--------------|
| Dearlove | 19.7 average | (197 runs) |
| Davis | 18.4 " | (201 runs) |
| Holliday | 16.2 " | (153 runs) |
| Bowling: | | |
| Antill | 7.3 average | (29 wickets) |
| Wallis | 8.1 " | (33 wickets) |

2nd XI

| | | | | |
|---|-----|----------------------|---------|----|
| 11th May 1960 v. Slough Technical | 162 | S.G.S. | ... | 69 |
| Slough Technical | | | (for 9) | |
| 14th May 1960 v. Sir William Borlase | 34 | S.G.S. | ... | 35 |
| Sir William Borlase | | | (for 4) | |
| 18th May 1960 v. Licensed Victuallers | 40 | Licensed Victuallers | ... | 41 |
| S.G.S. | | | (for 6) | |
| 06th June 1960 v. Shoreditch Training College | 116 | S.G.S. | ... | 90 |
| Shoreditch Training College | | | | |
| 11th June v. Dr. Challoner's, Amersham | 77 | S.G.S. | ... | 60 |
| Amersham | | | | |
| 18th June v. Strode G.S., Egham | 45 | Strode's | ... | 30 |
| S.G.S. | | | | |
| 6th July 1960 v. Bishopshalt G.S., Uxbridge | 49 | Bishopshalt | ... | 50 |
| S.G.S. | | | (for 8) | |
| 9th July v. Strode G.S., Egham | 96 | S.G.S. | ... | 76 |
| Strode's | | | | |

Played 8. Won 2. Drawn 1. Lost 5.

In a season of fluctuating fortune, meritorious victories alternating with overwhelming defeats, the eleven was soundly managed by Michael Holliday, who batted consistently and set a good example in the field. It was most unfortunate that injury deprived the team of his services during the latter part of the season, but T. Knight, although failing to strike form with the bat, was a capable deputy.

Outstanding with the bat were R. Dearlove and R. Davis. Dearlove played some sparkling innings, full of attractive strokes and enjoyed the distinction of making the highest individual score, as well as heading the averages. His fielding was always good while his spinners captured occasional wickets. Davis matured splendidly; his defence was technically correct, his patience inexhaustible and his temperament ideal. If he

develops his scoring strokes he should score well next season and become a leading all-rounder, for his fielding is first rate and his bowling should be distinctly more than useful.

P. Read showed considerable promise with both bat and ball as well as a true appreciation of the demands of a tactical situation. He played several useful innings, attacking or defending as required and was always keen in the field. K. Butler kept wicket very competently and was often most effective under difficult conditions. Unfortunately, apart from a few stubborn knocks he did not have a successful season with the bat. The remainder of the batting was, to put it mildly, a doubtful quantity. I. Hodgson revealed a good eye and an eagerness to attack while A. Oliver always tried hard and played one match-winning innings.

Bowling honours, undoubtedly, go to B. Antill and K. Wallis. Antill was a destroyer of weak opposition, but against sterner opposition Wallis was, undoubtedly, the greater menace and often carried the attack single-handed—his 9 for 23 against Bishopshalt was an outstanding performance. Main support came from J. Ford, who returned some good performances while Read, Nash, Dearlove and Davis all had their good days.

The highlights of the inter-School matches were victories over Bishopshalt and Ashford, while other highlights of the season were victories over the Old Pals and the Parents and a narrow defeat by the Staff.

UNDER 15 XI

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|----------------------------------|-----|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|
| Played 6. Won 2. Drew 0. Lost 4. | | | | | |
| v. Peter Symonds' ... | ... | S.G.S. | 60 | Opponents | 61-6 |
| v. Langley County Secondary ... | ... | S.G.S. | 150 | " | 61 |
| v. Strodes G.S. ... | ... | S.G.S. | 37 | " | 39-3 |
| v. Bishopshalt G.S. ... | ... | S.G.S. | 105-9 | " | 106-5 |
| v. Slough Technical ... | ... | Opponents | 151-4 | S.G.S. | 76 |
| v. Strodes G.S. ... | ... | " | 51 | " | 52-7 |

The XI did not have a very good season, due partly to the inability of the players to realize their potential ability. The lack of a recognized opening pair of batsmen meant that the team consistently lost early wickets, and the middle order batsmen could not be relied on to make runs. However, several boys had successful innings, notably B. Whelan (55, v. Langley County Secondary) and D. Fox (40, v. Bishopshalt G.S.).

In the field the team could rely on the fine opening attack of M. Holder (5 wickets for 9 runs v. Langley G.S.), and J. Marks (6 wickets for 16 runs v. Strodes G.S.), followed by a varied spin attack. Unfortunately, good bowling was often let down by poor catching and fielding. Boys should remember that a high standard of fielding forms the basis of all successful teams.

The following represented the School:

R. Johnson (captain), D. Fox, J. Marks, E. Lucas-Smith, R. Fountain, B. Whelan, R. Ford, B. Higginson, P. Daniel, M. Holder, D. Stenning, M. Lumb, M. Lewis, R. Turner, P. Sallnow.

M. J. W.

UNDER 13 XI

Played 4; Won 3; Lost 1.

Team selected from: Bell, M., Bass, C. (capt.), Breen, R., Roberts, G., Roberts, D., Phillips, A., Crawshaw, D., Bray, T., Ahearne, B., Gleave, D., Donoghue, M., Cannings, P., Pell, A., Traylen, N., Kennedy, M.

C. Bass was selected as captain of the Buckinghamshire County U/15 Cricket Team.

THE TENNIS SIX

Last summer, the School's tennis team of 3 pairs had a relatively inactive season: it only played two matches. The pairs were M. Deuchar and B. Kelley, K. Halstead and K. Martin, and C. Timms and R. Stanger. P. Derks also played in one match.

Four members of last season's team have since left the School, and so those who remain have the task of forming a team under the expert supervision of Mr. D. Shotton, who takes a great deal of interest and spends much time with us, helping and practising himself. We look into the coming season confidently and hoping for an enjoyable summer's tennis.

C. T.

SOCCER 1960/61

FIRST XI

| | | | | |
|------|---------------------|------|------|--|
| Home | v. Staff | Won | 6-1 | (Wallis 2, Dearlove 2, Turner, Hodgson) |
| Home | v. Bishopshalt | Won | 3-2 | (Wallis 3) |
| Home | v. Corinthian C. | Won | 3-2 | (Dearlove 3) |
| Home | v. Slough Tech. | Won | 5-4 | (Dearlove 2, Wallis, Greenaway, Stevens) |
| Home | v. Ashmead | Won | 8-0 | (Wallis 5, Greenaway 3) |
| Away | v. Winchester | Drew | 1-1 | (Wallis) |
| Away | v. Strodes | Won | 7-0 | (Wallis 3, Stevens 2, Dearlove, Lane) |
| Home | v. Amersham | Won | 10-2 | (Dearlove 6, Wallis 3, Stevens) |
| Home | v. Wycombe Tech. | Won | 7-2 | (Wallis 3, Dearlove, Stevens, Lane, O.G.) |
| Home | v. Strodes | Lost | 0-3 | |
| Home | v. Ealing G.S. | Won | 7-1 | (Stevens 5, Wallis, Willis) |
| Home | v. Amersham | Won | 4-0 | (Dearlove 3, Wallis) |
| Home | v. Rest of Bucks. | Won | 7-3 | (Dearlove 3, Wallis 3, Stevens) |
| Away | v. Shoreditch | Wog | 5-2 | (Stevens 2, Wallis, Dearlove, Turner) |
| Away | v. Slough Tech. | Won | 2-1 | (Dearlove, Read) |
| Home | v. Stoneham | Won | 12-0 | (Dearlove 3, Wallis 4, Stevens 2, Sherlock, Hodgson, Turner) |
| Away | v. Wycombe Tech. | Won | 5-3 | (Wallis 3, Dearlove, Stevens) |
| Home | v. Forest G.S. | Won | 14-0 | (Dearlove 4, Wallis 4, Stevens 3, Sherlock, Read, Turner) |
| Home | v. Bristol Univ. | Drew | 2-2 | (Stevens, Wallis) |
| Away | v. Bishopshalt | Lost | 2-4 | (Greenaway, Stevens) |
| Away | v. Ealing G.S. | Won | 8-1 | (Stevens 4, Wallis 2, Dearlove 2) |
| Home | v. Slough Tech. | Won | 3-0 | (Dearlove 2, Wallis) |
| Home | v. Winchester | Won | 6-1 | (Wallis 2, Stevens 2, Dearlove, Willis) |
| Home | v. Borough Rd. T.C. | Lost | 2-7 | (Wallis, Willis) |

Provided with a basis of seven players from last year's eleven, the team had another very successful season. Four boys, P. Read, R. Dearlove, K. Wallis and R. Stevens, were selected to play for the Buckinghamshire County Grammar Schools' XI.

Only three matches were lost, two of these being against teams previously defeated, while the other was against a very strong team from Borough Road Training College, London. Noteworthy victories were a 5-2 defeat of Shoreditch Training College and a 3-2 win over a Corinthian Casuals XI.

The team played good football, an outstanding feature being the fine interpassing of the forwards, who scored 129 goals in the 24 matches played. A weakness generally noted, was the tendency for the defence to panic under pressure.

The team was selected from the following boys:

K. Butler (Goalkeeper)

Has continued to give reliable service, marred occasionally by careless errors. Awarded full-colours.

H. Duffy (Right-Back)

An enthusiastic player, who realised his limitations in his kicking. He worked hard and showed improvement by the end of the season. Awarded half-colours.

R. Hannigan (Left-Back)

Playing in his first season with the 1st XI, he quickly adapted himself and became an outstanding full-back. Awarded full-colours.

P. Read (Right Half-Back)

A fast, hard tackling half-back. He has also proved a very reliable secretary. Awarded full-colours.

I. Hodgson (Centre Half-Back)

Positioned himself and timed his tackles very well. He was the stalwart of the defence. Awarded full-colours.

R. Sherlock (Left Half-Back)

Although lacking in speed and strength, he is a natural footballer and should prove a valuable asset next year. Awarded half-colours.

K. Lane (Outside Right)

Not a skilful player, but very fast and forceful. Many goals resulted from his good work. Awarded half-colours.

K. Wallis (Inside Right)

The team's leading goalscorer, seldom wasting a chance near goal. He worked hard and combined very well with Dearlove and Stevens. Rewarded full-colours.

R. Dearlove (Centre-Forward)

A very talented footballer, effective both in creating and finishing off movements. His intelligent play was the reason for the undoubted power of the forward line. It is a great pity that as captain he failed to show any enthusiasm in organisation of the game off the field. Rewarded full-colours.

R. Stevens (Inside Left)

Exceptionally good in spotting and making an opening for others, as well as scoring many goals himself. Occasional failure to 'get into' the game is the only criticism. Rewarded full-colours.

R. Turner (Outside Left)

Another player from last year's U/15, team, he improved tremendously during the season and has great potential. Awarded half-colours.

Mention must also be made of A. Smyth and P. Willis, who ably filled the gaps that appeared from time to time.

Results: Played 24; Won 19; Drawn 2; Lost 3.

SECOND XI

Taken as a whole, the season proved to be most successful for the School 2nd XI. On reflection, this success can be attributed to two factors: one being a sound average ability throughout, but the more important being an ever present team spirit, which more than compensated for any deficiencies in playing skill.

The first fixture of the season, unfortunately against one of our strongest rivals, Bishopshalt, proved most disastrous. In this game lack of experience in playing together resulted in the team's heaviest defeat—a result to be reversed in a very exciting return fixture. Once the formative games were over, a good understanding developed between team members, an understanding which brought with it much improved play.

S. Kochanowski in goal, who gained in confidence as the season progressed, was well supported by his backs, R. Holmes and G. Bull. Holmes, a firm believer in the 'get stuck in' policy, played most energetically and, together with Bull, provided an effective cover.

Moving forward, the half-back line pivoted on A. Smyth, a determined centre-half, difficult to beat, who gave of his best. R. Giles, at right-half, was evident both in attack and defence, whilst in the left-half position C. Burley supported his forwards well, although at times, at the expense of defence.

The forwards produced much attractive approach play, but unfortunately were found lacking in ideas once inside their opponents' penalty area. Lack of shooting ability was most pronounced. The right-wing pair of C. Timms

**1st XI SOCCER TEAM**

Left to right:

R. Stevens, R. Turner, K. Butler, R. Hannigan, R. Sherlock, H. Duffy, K. Lane, K. Wallis, R. Dearlove (capt.), I. Hodgson, P. Read.

**UNDER 15 SOCCER TEAM**

Left to right:

D. Roberts, R. Flower, M. Holder, C. Bass, M. Lumb, A. J. Alderman, P. Daniel, R. Breen, M. Bell (capt.), D. Fox, D. Godfrey.

and J. Marks were thrustful in their play, although lacking in finishing power. The line was forcefully led by the captain, R. Dowding, who, by example, inspired his side to give of their best. The left flank of P. Willis and K. Haines produced skilful and intelligent play, marred only by an occasional reluctance of the latter to pass the ball to a player in a more advantageous position.

In conclusion, it must be added that throughout the season the work of the captain, Dowding, both on the field and in particular behind the scenes, has never been found wanting. He has, indeed, well earned the award of his School half-colours.

UNDER 15 'A' XI

Results: Played 22; Won 12; Drawn 3; Lost 7; Goals For: 59; Against: 35

The eleven had a fairly good season after a very poor start. The team lacked penetration in attack and this threw too much work on to a very solid defence. The strength of the team was mainly in a defence which operated the pivot system with great skill.

The highlight of the season was the final of the Rebel Shield, in which the eleven lost narrowly to Haymill. The team was unlucky to lose by the only goal of the match after missing several chances. The inability to finish off chances was the only serious weakness in a team that tried to play constructive football in most matches.

The following were regular players and the number of goals scored by each player is given in brackets:

A. Alderman (10); C. Bass, M. Bell (10); R. Breen (13); P. Daniel, R. Flower (6); D. Fox (2); D. Godfrey (6); M. Holder (2); M. Holloway (6); M. Lumb, C. Pryce (3); D. Roberts, R. Smith, D. Warren.

M. Bell is to be congratulated on captaining the District under 14 team which won the Berks., Bucks. and Oxon Schools' Challenge Cup.

UNDER 15 'B' XI

Played 10; Won 9; Lost 1; Goals For: 44; Against 9.

As can be seen from their record, the U.15B team have had a very successful season, winning the championship of their particular league. The team was a little unsettled at the beginning of the season and were, perhaps, fortunate to have met only the weaker teams in the league. They soon settled down, however, with D. Warren and J. Murray, the wing halves, dominating the midfield play in almost every match. It was this which gave the forwards so much time in which to move the ball and much of the credit for the many goals scored must go to these two, although they actually scored very few themselves. Individual mention should be made of D. Godfrey, who scored many of the goals; G. Hester, who played a large part in most of them; R. Lister, who kept goal very well, and A. Singleton, who was tireless at full-back. It must be stressed, however, that the success of the team was due to combined team effort, rather than any outstanding individual, although credit must be given to Warren for his sound captaincy throughout the season.

Played: R. Lister, A. Singleton, D. Coe, D. Warren, G. Dobson, J. Murray, D. Godfrey, D. Hannigan, P. Simmonds, C. Sherlock, G. Hester, D. Dilnot and J. Martin.

UNDER 13 'A' XI

Played 19; Won 18; Lost 1; Goals For 96; Against 21.

Few people at the beginning of September would have predicted a repeat of the very successful 1959-60 season. Only two of that team were still eligible to play, and it was obvious in the early trials, that players of great talent were not plentiful. It was thus all the more pleasant to watch the team go from success to success, and to see several boys develop into promising players.

Once again, the Division North of the Intermediate, and all friendly matches, including one against the District XI, were won with a 100 per cent record. The final of the Lightfoot Cup should have been the climax of the season, but for the second year running the Technical School foiled our attempt at the double.

The defence could be relied on to limit their opponents to one goal in most matches. I. Kitching, in goal, made many fine saves—and some blunders. At full back, A. Raeside and G. Wallace made up for their lack of inches by good anticipation and keen tackling. C. Cockburn policed the penalty area well, though his kicking left much to be desired, while at wing half, N. Campbell and R. Grantham worked industriously, although often failing to realize the necessity of controlling the midfield.

In attack, everyone knew the way to goal. J. Cruickshank (8) though inclined to be lazy, often scored the unexpected goal, sometimes with his feet! J. Gedge (10) was a very effective outside-left, when given room to move. At inside forward, G. Olson (23), the mention of whose name often demoralized the opposition, was ably supported by B. Aherne (16) and D. Gleave (29), the latter a real discovery at centre forward.

N. Hodgson, M. Kennedy and M. Donoghue also deserve mention for playing well when selected. Finally, thanks to Lang, a regular linesman.



UNDER 13 SOCCER TEAM

Left to right:

I. Kitchen, A. Raeside, G. Wallace, C. Cockburn, R. Grantham, J. Gedge, B. Aherne, D. Gleave, G. Olson, N. Campbell, I. Cruickshank.

UNDER '13 B' XI

The team enjoyed a successful season, finishing as joint-champions of the league. After the usual teething troubles, during which several experiments had to be made, it became possible to field a side which settled down to play excellent football.

On occasions, weaknesses became apparent at centre-half and goalkeeper, due largely to a lack of confidence on the part of the players concerned; these were mainly responsible for the two defeats suffered by the team. The forwards, though lacking a little punch in the middle, combined well; in particular, the right wing of B. Eaglestone and K. Dawes was always dangerous.

Five first-formers gained regular places in the side, and three others made occasional appearances. Consequently, there is an excellent nucleus for next season's 'A' side; the main problem is at goalkeeper, where M. Paxton must overcome his inconsistency.

The team was normally chosen from the following players: M. Paxton, P. Cannings, N. Hodgson, S. Durbin, C. Avis, H. Burden, R. Davies, M. Clark, R. Poulter, K. Dawes, B. Eaglestone, M. Donoghue, M. Kennedy, C. Mansfield and B. Street.

THE 1961 SIX-A-SIDE COMPETITION

In the blazing sun of mid-March—the temperature reached 70 deg.—the 1961 Six-a-Side Competition took place. It was very keenly contested and, as usual, produced a great deal of speculation, thrills and surprises.

In the Senior Competition R. Dearlove's team was again victorious, after defeating the much-fancied 'Lions' team in the semi-final and R. Sherlock's team by 2-1 in the final. The winning team was as follows: R. Dearlove, L. Greenaway, J. Eyre, D. Fox, J. Murray, R. Grantham.

In the Junior Competition M. Bell's team defeated G. Olson's team in a very exciting final by the only goal of the match, which was scored in the closing seconds. The winning team was as follows: M. Bell, R. Pepper, A. Towery, G. Crawford, A. Raeside, J. Raisbeck.

HOCKEY

Captain: B. Roberts.

Secretary: S. Baxter.

The School Team has had a very enjoyable season indeed. At the beginning of the season, however, it was necessary to select another seven players from the School, as we had lost seven of last season's regular team members.

Among those who left us was the captain B. Deuchar, whose place was taken over by B. Roberts, who was last year's vice-captain. Those who remained besides B. Roberts were C. Hughes, S. Baxter and M. Stenning.

We had then the arduous task of selecting seven reasonable players to fill the gaps. Those who played were C. Louch, who very willingly and ably kept goal, C. Young, J. LePage, G. G. Thomas, P. Serjent, N. Lovelock, C. Hellmuth, C. Marshall with K. Isaacs, M. Kolaszynski, M. Pugh and B. Loomes filling in whenever reserves were needed.

The beginning of the season was extraordinarily wet; thus, two matches were postponed, two had to be cancelled completely, whilst others were played on extremely wet and muddy pitches.

In all, we played 19 matches of which we won 8, lost 9, and drew 2, scoring 39 goals and conceding 58 goals.



HOCKEY TEAM

Left to right:

J. LePage, C. Louch, P. Serjent, C. Marshall, M. Pugh, G. G. Thomas, C. Hellmuth, M. Stenning, B. Roberts (capt.), N. Lovelock, C. Hughes, C. Young.



SENIOR CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM

Left to right:

D. Beer, C. Doyle, P. Hinchcliffe, K. Wallis, J. Virgo, M. Duff, L. Greenaway (capt.), P. Virgo.

For the first time in five years we beat Newland Park Teachers' Training College. We also won one of our matches with Ranelagh School, who are usually one of our most formidable opponents.

At the end of the season full School Colours were re-awarded to B. Roberts and C. Hughes, while S. Baxter and M. Stenning were awarded colours for the first time.

The abilities of B. Roberts, C. Hughes and M. Stenning were recognised by the County, as all three were chosen to represent Bucks in the Inter-County Schools Hockey Tournament held at Seaford at the beginning of the Easter holidays.

The Old Paludians encouraged members of the School team to play for them on Saturday afternoons and they always welcome new members from those still at school.

With only one or two members of the team likely to leave next summer, we can look forward to an even better season next year.

S. BAXTER (Hon. Sec.)

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

Seniors

This has been an encouraging season. Twelve fixtures were arranged—more than ever before—and of these the School won nine. Perhaps the most exciting race was a triangular fixture against Pangbourne Nautical College and Reading School, run in torrential rain on Pangbourne's hilly, four-mile course. Only three points separated the winners, Reading, from our team, who had been in a commanding position earlier on, and we were only one point ahead of Pangbourne.

In the District Championship we won the Senior Trophy easily from Langley Grammar School, J. Duff and J. Virgo tying for first place and P. Hinchcliffe coming third. Five of the team represented the District at the County Championship, and Duff and Virgo are to be congratulated on being selected to run for Buckinghamshire in the All-England Championship.

The strength of the team has lain not so much in individual performances, though L. Greenaway and Duff have both been individual winners on occasions, as in fine packing, so that credit for the season's success is shared by all members. Nevertheless the following deserve special mention: Greenaway for his efficient captaincy, Duff for his enthusiasm as Vice-captain and Secretary, and D. Beer and J. Virgo for such consistently good running in their first season in the team.

Full colours were awarded to:—Greenaway (re-award), Duff, Beer and J. Virgo. Half-colours to:—Doyle, K. Wallis, Hinchcliffe and P. Virgo. The following also ran in the first team on occasions:—R. Hill, C. Wilson and S. Kochanowski.

Intermediates

Once again, this team has handsomely defeated all challengers, including such redoubtable opponents as Bishopshalt, and Windsor and Langley Grammar Schools; in one race we gained the first six places.

At the District Championship our team won the Intermediate Trophy, packing all six runners between 5th and 13th place and finishing 37 points ahead of its nearest rival, Haymill.

M. Rouse, R. Flower, R. Barrett and C. Ramsdale are to be congratulated on running occasionally for the first team. The fact that they always acquitted themselves well on these occasions augurs well for the future.

In a team of uniformly good runners D. Dilnot deserves special mention for being the highest placed from our School in both the District and County Championships, although he is a year younger than most of the others.

The following ran for the team:—Rouse (capt.), Flower, Barrett, Ramsdale, Dilnot, M. Bell, M. Holder, D. Warren. Reserves: R. Parrish, S. Durbin, R. Paice, R. Breen.

Juniors

The under 13 team has had only three races this season: two against Langley Grammar School, both of which it won, and the District Championship, in which it came second, this time being defeated by Langley by 19 points. Slough and Eton Secondary School, in third place, were 43 points behind our team. So this team, also, has had a successful, though limited season.

S. Durbin, A. Raeside and G. Wallace were the best of the older boys, while several promising runners emerged from the first forms; outstanding among these was J. Luckie, an extremely strong and plucky runner, who finished 4th in the District Championship.

The following ran for the team:—Durbin (capt.), Raeside, Wallace, Luckie, J. Raven, I. Cruikshank, A. Moore, I. Watterson, C. Mansfield, A. Potter.

THE RUGBY CLUB

In this School, Rugby has always been hampered by our lack of a pitch near enough to practise on, and this season injuries to Evans, Rule and Archer prevented us from fielding our strongest team at every match.

Apart from the now annual, overwhelming defeat by Bishopshalt, the Rugby Club enjoyed another season of limited success.

We were represented at the County Trial by R. Davis, C. Evans, C. Doyle and R. Archer, but, unfortunately, we did not manage to secure a place in the final team.

Mid-way through the season, the Club suffered a tragic loss with the death of Mr. A. G. Davies, who had taken such a great interest in the team. We are, however, most grateful to Mr. Malin for his guidance during the latter half of the season, and to Mr. Myatt for his encouragement of our efforts, despite his many other preoccupations.

In the Bucks' Schools 7-a-Side Tournament, at High Wycombe, our team was beaten 9-0 by Marlow, in a game ruined by torrential rain.

Several fixtures had to be cancelled owing to the flooding of our 'home' pitch, at Slough Rugby Club's ground, and the table of results for the season is:

| P. | W. | D. | L. |
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We are grateful to:

R. Archer, R. Brown, J. Burden, I. Clark, R. Davis (capt.), C. Doyle, C. Evans, J. Field, B. Higginson, J. MacDonald, J. Robotham, A. Rule, P. Spooner, D. Spring, G. Thomas, R. Turner and R. Whelan for their services as regular members of our senior team throughout the season.

Rugby Colours, awarded for the first time in the School, were presented to C. Doyle (full colours), R. Davis, R. Archer and C. Evans (half colours).

J. MACDONALD (Hon. Sec.)

SWIMMING

We continue in the Swimming Club to have our spurts of training for the various school galas as they come along; it is certain that if we are to stand up to the increasing competition and gain a place in these galas in the future, we shall have to work much harder!

In the Slough and District Schools' Senior Gala last November, we succeeded in gaining 3rd place with a very small team. P. Griffiths came 1st in the Freestyle race and K. Watson gained 2nd place in the Breast-stroke event, with R. Godley 3rd. These three swimmers gained more points in the Medley Team race, coming 2nd, which gave us a total of 15 points. The Technical School beat us by 2 points, but William Penn were comfortably 1st with 28.

It was pleasing to see Langley Secondary School doing well—their girls' team came 3rd and the boys' team 4th, both trained by one of our former swimmers, now a teacher—John Bambrough.

In the Intermediate Gala earlier this term we had rather fewer successes. R. Lang was not on his top form in the Diving, but gained 3rd place, backed up by M. Kennedy in 4th place, while our team for the Medley race—A. Cross, K. Dawes, J. Keates and M. Paxton managed to hold on to 3rd place, bringing our total points to 7—4th out of 11 schools; Warrenfield were 1st with 24 and William Penn 2nd with 15 points. We must try to do better next year!

THE BASKET BALL CLUB

The Club, now in its fourth year, has had a successful season. Matches have been played both against local and district teams and more are arranged for the Summer term. Our record to date is:—

Played 8; Won 6; Lost 2.

At the end of the Spring term the Inter-House Basket Ball Championship was held on a knock-out basis with Herschel emerging as the victors. Thus Herschel gained the doubtful honour of playing the Staff, and after a keenly fought and exhausting (for the Staff at least) game, the Staff were defeated by 18 points to 8.

Regular members of the team were:—J. Burden; I. Clark; J. Eyre; I. Hodgson; K. Lane; P. Read; R. Stevens; G. Thomas and K. Wallis.

G. J. THOMAS (Secretary).

THE OLD PALUDIANS

The year 1960/61 has been a quieter one than the Old Pals have seen of late. Although a further one-and-three-quarter acres of land have been acquired for sports purposes, we have not extended ourselves by further building, and the pitches we already use have been gradually improved. Once more a wet winter did not help with the latter, but it is hoped that the purchase of more ground equipment will aid our progress.

The year has been a normal Old Paludian type year of dances, both at the Dolphin and the Club House, motor car rallies, and plenty of activity, sometimes, on the sports fields. A recent addition to social activities has been several evenings of Bingo; although not as yet overwhelmed by the attendances, we hope that small beginnings will lead to greater things.

The Barbecue held last September, although seemingly distant in memory, was one of the most enjoyable evenings during the year, the weather being sociable, the food good and the attendance large. Another occasion of note was the New Year's Eve dance, which was attended by more people than ever before, and, as the Treasurer was happy to say, yielded more than ever before.

So once more a year has passed, a year in which it has been noticed that more young people are appearing, and it closes with the hope that even more will do so, and enjoy the friendship of the Old Paludians, late of the Slough Grammar School.

A. MABBOTT (Hon. Asst. Sec.)

OLD PALUDIANS CRICKET CLUB

Our record last season was not too good, having played 44 games we only managed to win 16. This, however, did not stop our opponents and ourselves enjoying an excellent social evening after stumps were drawn.

The outstanding achievement of the season was the taking of 108 wickets by G. Holmes for an average of 10.2 runs per wicket. He was ably assisted in attack by our 'youngster' R. Bruce with 65 victims. These two were well backed up by P. Seal, A. Buckland, R. Rayner, B. Parsons and D. Windle.

Congratulations to J. Griffith on winning the 'Denis Edwards Bat' with a knock of 73 against Intertype, and to K. Martin who, consistent throughout the season, topped the batting averages.

A stand of 113 by D. Edwards (86) and K. Martin was the best of the season. Apart from this knock against Simonds Brewery and another against Intertype, our batting was mediocre and we hope this will be rectified this season.

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking wives and girl friends for providing teas.

Any boys or Masters who would be interested in playing for us this season, would be most welcome at Taplow.

OLD PALUDIANS FOOTBALL CLUB

The cup which has proudly stood in the Clubhouse at Taplow for some months, is soon to disappear and be replaced by a newer and more splendid trophy marking in the exchange, the progress that the Club has made during the past season. The reason for this is the fact that the first eleven, having been promoted from Division I (South) to the Intermediate division last term, have gone on to emulate this feat by winning their new division at the first attempt.

In retrospect there can be little doubt that this achievement was richly deserved. Throughout the season they have played with considerable spirit

Any boys leaving the School are always welcome to swell our membership, and so long as they enjoy their game they are most welcome to the Club, whether they are first eleven material or not. Even if they did not make the School teams, the third eleven may be their mark. Meanwhile, we look forward to another successful season, and if promotion comes our way again this time, we will find ourselves one of the 'top ten' of Old Boys football.

J. TEBBIT.

CLUES ACROSS

- ### CLUES DOWN

- ### ANSWER TO BRIDGE PROBLEM

The first trick is taken in Dummy by the Ace of diamonds and then the defenders' trumps are drawn. Declarer now plays the King and Queen of diamonds and the two top clubs. Since the Jack falls on the Ace on the second round, he assumes that North also has the Queen, and leads up to his own ten. North is thrown in with the Queen, but whatever he may lead kills stone dead any hope of defeating the contract.

The position now is:

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H. KJXX
D. J
C.

S. K10X
H. AQ
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S. XX
H. XXX
D.
C.

S.
H. 10XXX
D.
C. X

If North leads the final diamond, Declarer ruffs in dummy and throws the Queen of hearts from his own hand, leaving himself with three trumps and a master heart.

The only other possibility is for North to lead a heart up to West's major terrace. Declarer takes the trick with the lowest possible card and then lays his hand down: the contract is made.

J. S. LePAGE (L. VI).

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